



# JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL 2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

The following statement is provided in accordance with s.6 (1) of the [Justice Reform and Transparency Act](#):

The Justice and Public Safety sector has undergone major shifts over the last decade as we tackle many of the challenging issues of our time. From systemic issues of inequity and access to justice, to the innovations and lessons learned from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the landscape of justice in British Columbia is complex and constantly evolving. This requires transformational thinking about how we can advance our system to administer justice and deliver public safety services and programs in a way that is culturally safe for everyone.

The Justice and Public Safety Council is committed to promoting true and lasting Reconciliation and addressing the longstanding disparities in access to justice faced by Indigenous people. These disparities are often driven by factors such as income, race, gender, and geography, and they can have a profound and disproportionate impact on outcomes for Indigenous, Black and People of Colour involved with the justice and public safety sector.

People want to feel safe in their communities, and to have a justice and public safety system that has their confidence and responds to their needs. In light of this, we have a responsibility to develop a vision for the sector that addresses the multifaceted needs of British Columbians and ensures that the justice system is equitable, accessible, and responsive to our diverse population and communities. Through ongoing collaboration and innovative thinking, we can move forward to ensure fairness, public safety and trust in our sector.

Following feedback received from our partners, the Council's objective is to move forward collaboratively to refresh the sector's strategic plan. To enable this approach, an Advisory Board will be created to provide a cross-section of perspectives and insights into the sector's priorities. Meeting from June to December 2023, the work of the Advisory Board will feed into the creation of the Council's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan that will be published online next spring.

To guide our sector's overall vision, the Strategic Plan will act as a "North Star" that organizations can draw from to inform their mandates and adapt to their day-to-day operations and experiences. Following the legislative guidelines, key elements

will be developed in the Strategic Plan including goals, key strategies, performance measures and considerations. Our aim is to develop a Strategic Plan that is relevant to all partners, and will be fully refreshed every 3 years, consistent with legislative requirements.

The Council looks forward to candid conversations with sector participants throughout the coming year. Comments related to the Advisory Board or the Strategic Plan can be forwarded to [JusticeReform@gov.bc.ca](mailto:JusticeReform@gov.bc.ca).



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