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Dear Constituents,

Summer 2017 was very emotional for all of us, featuring some great highs but also some very daunting lows. It began with Canada 150, a wonderful celebration that saw much joy, pride and togetherness throughout the entire country. Across Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon, my team and I had an absolutely jam-packed day: Parades at Mt. Lehman, Harrison Hot Springs and downtown Abbotsford; cake and face-painting in Lillooet attended by my Northern Coordinator, Jacquie Rasmussen; hot dogs and swing dancing at Mission Heritage Park; finally ending the day at Exhibition Park for one last event to bid farewell to Canada Day 2017 and its festivities. It was a long day of celebration but a truly memorable one, and the mood everywhere was happy and high-spirited.

Less than a week later, however, the BC wildfires broke out. Such fires are nothing new to the province, but this, we soon learned, was much more serious for many communities. Members of the Ashcroft Indian Band left their homes, while Cache Creek was evacuated and Ashcroft placed on evacuation alert. Tragically, the Ashcroft Indian Band Reserve and Boston Flats saw many homes lost. This awful disruption has had an ongoing impact not only on local residents who have been displaced and for those who lost their homes, but for the many local small businesses which rely heavily upon the summer season.

All levels of government, including local mayors, council and First Nation leadership have contributed to help the people of British Columbia whose lives were upended by this terrible event. I want to make a special acknowledgement to the outstanding work of the first responders, firefighters, the RCMP and military personnel, the volunteers in emergency shelters and the local community and First Nations leadership. All were there throughout to provide the different services which residents required. I am truly grateful.

The Canadian Government has added their efforts to those already on the ground. The provincial government has provided funding so that the Canadian Red Cross can help evacuees, and the Canadian Government is following their lead by making a contribution that matches the amount that the Canadian Red Cross is spending on direct support to those who have been evacuated from their homes.

Further Canadian Government support included contributions to the Disaster Financial Assistance Agreement (DFAA) to help with long term recovery and rebuilding, Canadian Armed Forces personnel and aircraft, additional RCMP officers, CRA emergency tax measures and Health Canada's contribution of beds and blankets from the National Emergency Strategic Stockpile. In addition, an ad hoc Cabinet Committee has been formed by the Prime Minister to coordinate the Federal Government's efforts in helping those affected by the BC wildfires, to help with the aftermath and the process of rebuilding.

I want my constituents to know I am committed to the rebuilding effort and that my office and I are there for those needing assistance as their communities start the process of rebuilding. Finally, to everyone in Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon who has donated money, food, clothes or your time to help in the face of this crisis: On behalf of my office, you have our deepest appreciation.

The people of this riding, this province and throughout this country have always come together to help one another in times of need. I think that is truly what it means to be Canadian—in the face of adversity we, as a country, strive to show our best selves.

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Constituency Office

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CANADA 150

Greetings

BC WILDFIRES

COMMUNITY GALLERY

SUPPORTING THE RED CROSS

WRITE TO YOUR MP



Better rules to protect Canada's environment

Cleaner environment. Stronger economy.

The Government of Canada is delivering on its commitment to introduce proposed legislation that would put in place **better rules** to protect our environment, fish and waterways, and **rebuild public trust** in how decisions about resource development are made. With these proposed better rules, Canadians, companies, and investors can be confident **good projects** would be built in a way that protects our environment while **creating jobs** and **growing our economy**.

Why we did this

In the fall 2015 Speech from the Throne, the government made a promise to Canadians to review environmental and regulatory processes to address concerns about previous reforms. The government put in place interim principles for project reviews in January 2016, then launched a comprehensive process in June 2016 to review existing laws and seek Canadians' input on how to improve our environmental and regulatory system.

The proposed new system has been informed by two Expert Panels, two parliamentary committees, as well as extensive consultations with Indigenous peoples, industry, provinces and territories, and the public over the past 14 months.



A PROPOSED NEW IMPACT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The Government of Canada is proposing better rules for major project reviews to protect Canada's environment and grow the economy. These better rules reflect values that are important to Canadians — including early, inclusive and meaningful public engagement; nation-to-nation, Inuit-Crown, and government-to-government partnerships with Indigenous peoples; timely decisions based on the best available science and Indigenous traditional knowledge; and sustainability for present and future generations.



RESTORING LOST PROTECTIONS TO FISH AND FISH HABITAT

We are strengthening the protection of all fish and fish habitat for future generations. Legislative amendments would restore lost protections by protecting all fish and fish habitats; strengthen the role of Indigenous peoples in project reviews, monitoring and policy development; and allow for better management of large and small projects that may be harmful to fish or fish habitat through a new permitting system and codes of practice.



A NEW CANADIAN ENERGY REGULATOR

A modern energy regulator has an essential role to play in ensuring access to safe, affordable and reliable energy and guiding Canada's transition to a low-carbon economy. This would ensure that good projects go ahead with timely decisions that reflect common values and shared benefits. This new Canadian Energy Regulator would be built on: modern effective governance, more inclusive engagement, greater Indigenous participation, stronger safety and environmental protection, and more timely decisions.



PROTECTING CANADA'S NAVIGABLE WATERS

To protect the public right of navigation, we are bringing forward the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. Navigation protections would expand to cover all of Canada's navigable waters — covering our vast network of rivers, lakes and canals. New modern safeguards would create greater transparency, and give local communities a say in projects that could affect their navigation. This includes a greater level of oversight for navigable waterways that are most important to Canadians and to Indigenous peoples, including eligible Heritage and wild and free-flowing rivers.



CANADIANS

Developing resources while protecting the environment requires taking a big-picture look at a project's potential impacts. Reviews would consider not just impacts on our environment, but also on social and health aspects, Indigenous peoples, jobs and the economy over the long-term. We would also conduct gender-based analyses and ensure that Canadians' views are heard from the start.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

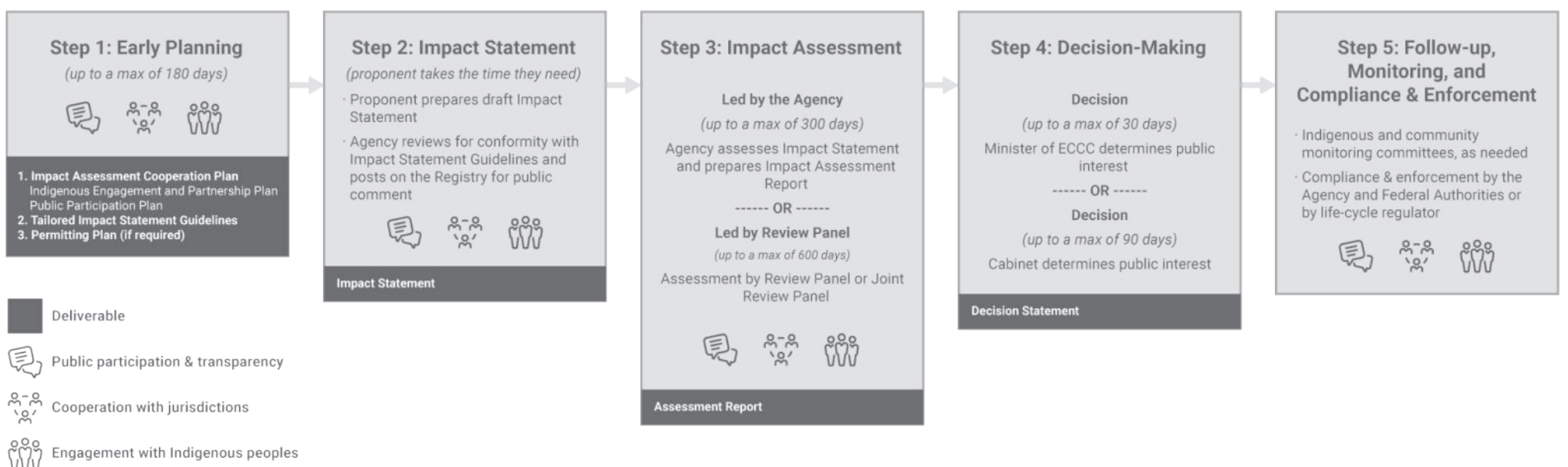
The Government of Canada is committed to renewing its nation-to-nation, Inuit-Crown, and government-to-government relationship with Indigenous peoples based on the recognition of rights, respect, cooperation and partnership. Reconciliation must guide partnerships with Indigenous peoples. We would recognize and respect the rights, culture and interests of Indigenous peoples, their deep connection to their lands, territories and resources, and their desire to participate as partners in the economic development of their territories.

As proposed in the new rules, we would work in partnership with Indigenous peoples from the start through early and inclusive engagement so we can get to better project decisions. Indigenous traditional knowledge would be protected and it would be mandatory to consider it along other sources of science and evidence to inform decision-making.



COMPANIES

Better rules would lead to more timely and predictable project reviews, and would encourage investment in Canada's natural resources sectors. Project reviews would be rigorously managed to ensure that they are more timely. Companies would know what is required from them at the outset, giving them the clarity they need, including what is required for Indigenous engagement. A revised project list based on clear criteria would identify which types of projects would require a review, offering greater clarity about how the new rules apply.

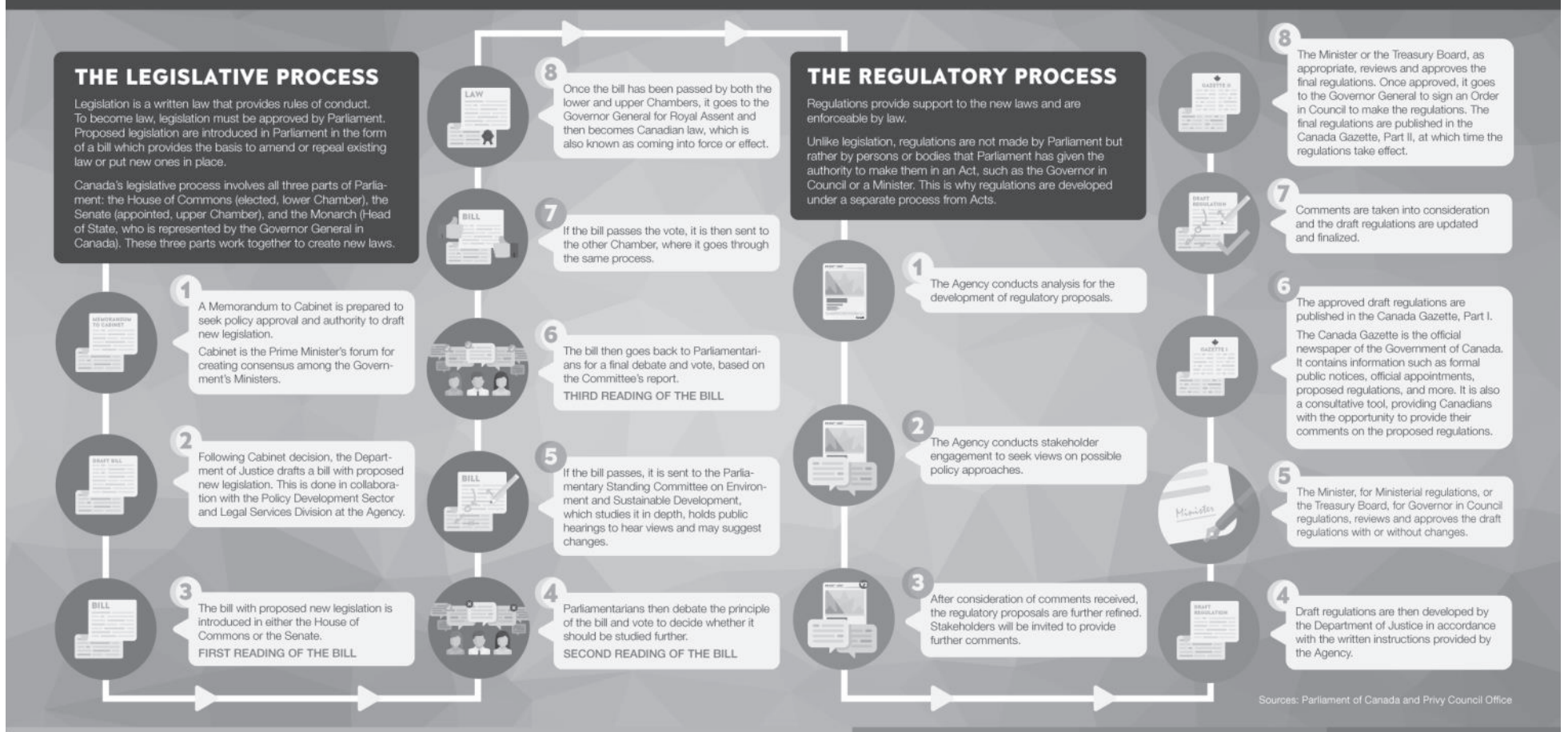


*Regional and strategic assessments would be proactively conducted outside of individual project reviews. This will help inform project assessments, manage cumulative impacts, and support decision-making.

HOW NEW LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE CREATED

REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

Opportunities for the public to participate



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