



# Bulletin

## B.C. Government Budget Makes B.C. More Affordable

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**To: All MoveUP members at home and allowable work**

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Today, the B.C. government made their budget announcement in Victoria and we are excited that the government has made major commitments to making British Columbia more affordable.

For us and all our members, this is a welcome change after 16 years under a government where we saw fees skyrocket and big money interests served at the expense of working individuals and families. Truly amazing is that the government has managed to deliver a balanced budget while facing over a billion-dollar deficit at ICBC—a disaster left by the Liberals. Thankfully the government can continue to count on modest BC Hydro dividends.

Today's budget announcement delivered direction on numerous issues including:

- An historic investment in child care
- Making housing affordable
- Eliminating medical services fees
- Action on ICBC
- Commitment to transit
- Minimum wage increases
- Investment in post-secondary student housing
- Continuing to stabilize BC Hydro

We are very pleased with today's announcement, but we recognize now the hard part begins and that is putting words into action. We are also pleased the government has begun the hard work of taking action to make ICBC fiscally sustainable and we look forward to working with the government and ICBC.

In solidarity,

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President

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