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Karen Christiansen
Chair, Board of Directors
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Dear Karen Christiansen:

I approve the revised 2022/23 Budget Management Plan (BMP) for LABC as submitted on March 14, 2021, reflecting budget decisions and directives received on Budget Day, assuming we have a common understanding and agreement on the following points:

1. I note that LABC's three-year budget includes a balanced budget for 2022/23 but forecasts a deficit of \$0.964M for 2023/24 and \$1.969M for 2024/25 for increased administrative costs. My approval is only provided for a total budget of \$120.252M which includes ongoing provincial funding of \$116.287M and non-government funding of \$3.965M.
2. I expect that steps will be taken to limit the inflation of administrative spending and that LABC will budget to the bottom line. I have also asked ministry staff to work with you to revise these expenditures in your budget and identify ways to control these costs.
3. I understand that LABC will be implementing a new tariff accrual model which may impact the expenditure forecast in 2022/23. I expect LABC to work closely with ministry staff to refine the proposed implementation plan and consider strategies to mitigate the impacts of this change.
4. I also understand that ministry staff have requested additional budget information; this includes adjustments to your forecasted operational spending and more details on your departmental budget. I ask that you work with your financial staff to ensure this additional information is provided to ministry staff.

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Please continue to submit your monthly forecasts to ministry staff according to the agreed upon schedule provided to you. When doing so, please advise of and explain any notable variances in all budget areas. Please also notify ministry staff if any new priorities or cost pressures arise.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Eby', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC
Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing

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Paul Craven
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