



NOVEMBER 29TH, 2022 UPDATE

On November 18, David Eby was officially sworn in, and we are very excited about what we have accomplished in the first week. The first orders of business?

- 1) Cost of Living
- 2) Housing
- 3) Safer Communities.



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1) Living wage

We are adding additional supports to assist people and businesses offset their energy bills heading into the colder months - and providing lower income families with a new BC Affordability Credit in January. These measures build on the cost-of-living supports announced in September - a package that is putting close to \$2 billion towards helping lower income B.C. families get by during this difficult time.

2) How BC is tackling the housing crisis

Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. That's why we're taking bold action to deliver more homes for people, faster. Full details here: StrongerBC.gov.bc.ca/Housing

3 new actions to create more homes, faster



Removing strata rental restrictions to turn empty units into homes for people.



Ending most age restrictions for stratas so young people and families have more options for homes. 55+ restrictions remain.



Working with municipalities with the greatest housing needs to set targets to deliver more homes faster.

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The Housing Supply Act addresses some of the issues in the housing crisis. Opening rental options in strata housing, ending age restrictions in stratas to get younger people into homes, and working with municipalities to address zoning and streamlining the development approval process - are all pieces to solving the housing crisis. [Find the news release here.](#)



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Stronger public safety services in your community

3) Safer Communities

We know that everyone deserves to feel safe in their community and we also all agree that what's happening right now isn't working for people. Just two days after being sworn in Premier David Eby has announced our Safer Communities Action Plan. There's been a rise in repeat violent offending across Canada from unintended consequences to the federal government changes to the Criminal Code. Add in increased mental health and addiction challenges brought on by the pandemic and the toxic drug crisis, and it is seen across North America.

What's in the Plan?.....

- *Stronger enforcement and intervention services
- *New repeat violent offender response teams.
- *Consequences for people who continue to commit violent crimes and strengthening intervention services to prevent crime in the first place -
- *Working with Ottawa to make the changes to federal laws that all the provinces need.

[You can watch the full video of the announcement by clicking here.](#)

[And here are few more details on the \\$230 million in funding for the rural police and specialized units.](#)

Celebrating local Supports

Last week I had the chance to visit Eureka during the celebration of their 30th anniversary. Eureka is a support service for people with persistent mental health issues. This is a vital service in our community and we wish them continued success.



Do you know someone who is celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary? Send them a congratulatory greeting

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