



# Issue Update

## New Cabinet, New Responsibilities

Premier Campbell unveiled his new Cabinet for British Columbia yesterday. Not only are there a number of new faces at the table, there are also a number of new ministries with new responsibilities.

For the construction industry there are a number of interesting changes.

Industry training has been taken out of the Ministry of Advanced Education and now rests with the Ministry of Economic Development. The Hon. Colin Hansen (previously Minister of Finance) will head up the portfolio. Among its other duties this Ministry will also have responsibility for the BC Olympic Games Secretariat and business immigration programs.

Building policy, safety standards, the community charter and matters relating to local government fall to the Ministry of Community Services headed up by the Hon. Ida Chong. This ministry will also be responsible for the Homeowner Protection Office and the Building Code Appeal Board.

The Ministry of Finance will be overseen by the Hon. Carole Taylor, who also has responsibility for Partnerships BC.

The Hon. Wally Oppal is the new Attorney-General. His ministry will also be responsible for immigration and multiculturalism.

Housing and the BC Housing Management fall to the Hon. Rich Coleman in the Ministry of Forests and Range.

BC Bid is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services, as is BCBC, WCB and the Employment Standards Tribunal. The Hon. Mike de Jong will be in charge.

Smart regulation falls to the Hon. Rick Thorpe who now heads the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue.

Aboriginal policy and co-ordination will be managed under the new Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. The Hon. Tom Christensen will take this on.

The Hon. Kevin Falcon remains as Minister of Transportation.

There are also a number of new Deputy Ministers and Assistant Deputy Ministers. Please check on-line at [www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca) to read the government news release and backgrounders detailing the new appointments.

## Building BC's Future!

The mission of the BCCA is to provide leadership and excellence in the representation of, and service to, British Columbia's construction industry.