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April 10, 2026

Mr. Kiel Giddens, MLA for Prince George-Mackenzie
Sent via email: Kiel.Giddens.MLA@leg.bc.ca

RE: Public Sector Construction Projects Procurement Act

Dear MLA Giddens,

On behalf of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, I am writing to express our support for the Public Sector Construction Projects Procurement Act (the "Act").

Public infrastructure projects represent a significant investment of taxpayer dollars. Good public infrastructure is important for our economy as it supports productivity, competitiveness and increases overall well-being. We need sustainable public finances to enable sustainable investments in our infrastructure. B.C.'s fiscal trajectory is very concerning. B.C. Budget 2026 forecasts a \$13.3-billion deficit and an \$80-billion increase in debt over just three years. At the same time, the cost of building major infrastructure is due to increase because of the recent introduction of PST on architectural, engineering, and geoscience services.

Recognizing the critical importance of efficient, transparent, and cost-effective project delivery, Bill M 233 promotes fairness by ensuring that all qualified contractors and workers can participate in public projects.

We support government tendering that enables all local workers to participate in public projects and contribute to the provincial economy regardless of union affiliation. This balanced approach promotes fairness for workers, employers, and taxpayers alike, while supporting a more resilient and inclusive construction sector across British Columbia.

We thank you for introducing this Private Member's Bill and look forward to further discussion.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Bridgitte Anderson]

Bridgitte Anderson
President and Chief Executive Officer
Greater Vancouver Board of Trade