



## A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN HORGAN

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I'm honoured to welcome delegates attending the Municipal Pension Retirees' Association's 2019 biennial convention.

The MPRA provides opportunities to reunite with colleagues, make new connections, navigate pension and benefits plans alongside other retirees and spouses, and speak jointly on issues from health care, housing, and transportation, to income and community supports. Discussions and insights convention delegates develop can further inform our government's ongoing work to make life better for everyone in BC, and we are getting results.

Our government has opened a network of urgent primary care centres with a focus on team-based care and is increasing staffing in residential care homes. We've funded more surgeries and MRI exams to reduce waits, and we're building, renovating and expanding hospitals. We're working hard to increase the supply of affordable housing, while also protecting renters and manufactured home owners. We eliminated Port Mann and Golden Ears bridge tolls, froze fares on major BC ferry routes, reduced fares on non-major routes and restored the seniors' passenger fare discount. Going forward, a \$3.6-million grant to the BC Dental Association will help not-for-profit clinics purchase equipment and provide more services to people in need, and next year sees our full elimination of Medical Services Plan premiums.

We're going to keep taking action to make life more affordable and improve services you count on, and I want to thank all MPRA members for your commitment to making a difference in the lives of fellow pensioners who dedicated their careers to serving our communities. I wish you all the best for productive deliberations and a fantastic time together in Abbotsford.

Enjoy the convention!

  
HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN  
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA