



Legislative Changes Based on Bill 15, The *Infrastructure Projects Act*

What's Happening?

[Bill 15](#), the *Infrastructure Projects Act* (the Act) received Royal Assent on May 29, 2025. A *Constitution Act* Order in Council ([OIC 256/2025](#)) has also been amended to transfer some powers to the Ministry of Infrastructure effective May 30, 2025.

What does that mean?

Only [Section 2](#) of the Act is in effect, which sets out the general powers for the Ministry of Infrastructure to exercise. As set out in [Section 48](#), sections regarding the remainder of the Act, including designating projects and any of the expediting powers, are to be brought into force through future OICs following consultation and policy work beginning in Summer 2025.

How does this impact us?

Nothing changes in your or your school board's responsibilities. However, we wanted you to be aware of the shifts within government. [OIC 256/2025](#) transfers responsibility of the following provisions of the *School Act* from the Minister of Education and Child Care to the Minister of Infrastructure:

Section	Relates to
96(2)(a), (b), and (3)	Acquisition and disposal of land
97	Assets in a board's name
98	Sites
98.1	Reports to a Minister
99(3)	Grants of crown land
100	Disposition of proceeds on alienation
102	Authority to provide housing
106	Provincial funding
115.1	Annual facility grant
141-144	Capital projects, Capital plans, Capital bylaws, Borrowing for capital expenditures
156 (10)	Accounting practices (capital surplus)
166.29 (2), (3)	Acquisition and disposal of land and improvements
168 (2)(l)	Orders specific to policies and procedures for the capital tendering process

This means the Minister of Infrastructure has the power *to approve* or direct work done under these provisions; however, your government contacts who are responsible for these processes are unchanged. The statute and provisions above are unchanged – the only difference is that the Minister ultimately responsible for these sections is the Minister of Infrastructure.

Please contact me at Damien.Crowell@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

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