

BC Tech's Advocacy Priorities

#1 ASK: Premier's Technology Council

To ensure the voice of BC's visionary investors and innovators can be directly accessed to grow and increase the productivity of BC's economy the BC Government should establish a permanent standing Premier's Technology Council.

GROW CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN BC

To encourage the investment and retention of private capital into technology companies, projects and jobs in BC, Government should:

- Create a BC Technology Procurement Task Force to develop clear processes and mechanisms to deliver more value for BC through government procurement.
- Build investor confidence and accelerate economic growth by implementing an enhanced provincial SRED credit for small and medium sized tech companies.
- Adjust InBC's scope of investment to allow greater access to that capital for smaller companies.
- Invest in capturing better data about BC's economy, particularly in the technology and innovation sector.
- Establish a BC Strategic Response Fund to provide a mechanism to co-invest alongside the Federal government in technology-powered projects and proposals to grow BC's economy.

GROW THE TALENT SUPPLY TO MEET DEMAND

To grow BC's tech talent pool to meet industry demand, Government should increase its focus on attracting and retaining talent and its investment in education and skills training.

- Fund an additional 10,000 tech-relevant public post-secondary graduates.
- Double annual investment in short-course credentials and the highly effective rapid re-skilling courses that enable workers to re-train for a career in tech.
- Explore incentives and mechanisms to encourage Canadian talent which is located overseas to return to BC.
- Invest in targeted programming for entrepreneurs to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to successfully scaleup their companies.
- Continue to invest in essential economic infrastructure measures – affordability, safety, education, childcare and transit – to build thriving communities where skilled workers want to stay.