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Parliamentary Committee Releases Report on Review of *Public Interest Disclosure Act*

VICTORIA – The Special Committee to Review the Public Interest Disclosure Act released its report on its review of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*.

The Act provides a framework for current and former public sector employees to report serious or systemic wrongdoing, establishes mechanisms to investigate and address such concerns, and provides protections against reprisal. The Committee makes 30 recommendations to enhance the clarity and effectiveness of the Act, strengthen privacy and confidentiality protections, and improve trust and confidence in the public interest disclosure process.

“The Committee appreciates everyone who provided input on how to improve this important piece of legislation,” said Committee Chair Darlene Rotchford. “Throughout its work, the Committee emphasized the critical role of the Act in fostering a culture of reporting and upholding integrity and accountability in the public sector.”

“While the Act is working well overall, the Committee identified opportunities to strengthen the Act and the public interest disclosure process,” added Deputy Chair Bruce Banman. “In particular, the Committee acknowledges the importance of having strong protections for disclosers, as well as consistent and regular education and training across organizations.”

The Committee was appointed pursuant to section 50 of the Act which requires a review by a special committee every five years. This is the first review of the Act.

For more information about the Committee, along with its report, visit the Committee’s website.

The members of the Committee are:

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