



Memorandum of Understanding on Economic and Labour Mobility Cooperation

BETWEEN:

The Government of Yukon
and
The Government of British Columbia

(hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties")

WHEREAS the Canadian economy is currently subject to economic and geopolitical uncertainty, including through various tariffs and tariff threats by the United States on Canadian products, which threaten Canadian workers and businesses;

WHEREAS the removal of interprovincial-territorial trade barriers has the potential to significantly strengthen Canada's economy over the long term;

WHEREAS the Parties are signatories to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and are committed to fulfilling the agreement's main objectives of creating an open and efficient Canadian economy through the reduction and elimination of barriers to the free movement of persons, goods, services, and investments within Canada;

WHEREAS the Parties support efforts to reduce barriers to trade across Canada, and the Parties affirm that work carried out under this MOU should support multilateral efforts to liberalize interprovincial-territorial trade across the nation through CFTA processes;

WHEREAS the Parties are committed to strengthening trade and economic development between their jurisdictions and support projects to that end, including by signing a memorandum of understanding to support collaboration on a potential future Yukon-BC Grid Connect project;

WHEREAS the Parties are committed to significantly advancing the CFTA's labour mobility goals by aligning their certification and licensing, and to expediting registration processes while preserving the ability for each Party to preserve the health, safety and cultural interests of its residents;

WHEREAS the Parties place trust in federal, provincial, and territorial regulatory bodies to make sound decisions that prioritize the safety of all Canadians;

WHEREAS the Parties support the principle that a like good or service that is deemed acceptable for sale or use in one Canadian jurisdiction should be deemed acceptable for sale or use in another Canadian jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the Parties recognize the vital importance of a dynamic and mobile workforce in fostering economic growth, innovation, and resilience;

WHEREAS British Columbia has consistently demonstrated leadership by significantly reducing regulatory burdens for workers, including by having no CFTA Chapter 7 labour mobility exceptions filed against the Yukon;

WHEREAS the Yukon has consistently demonstrated leadership by significantly reducing regulatory burdens for workers, including by having no CFTA Chapter 7 labour mobility exceptions filed against British Columbia;


WHEREAS the Parties underline that work to advance interprovincial-territorial trade recognize modern and historic treaties and land claims, and should support Indigenous participation in trade to ensure Indigenous peoples benefit from economic opportunities resulting from trade and investments;

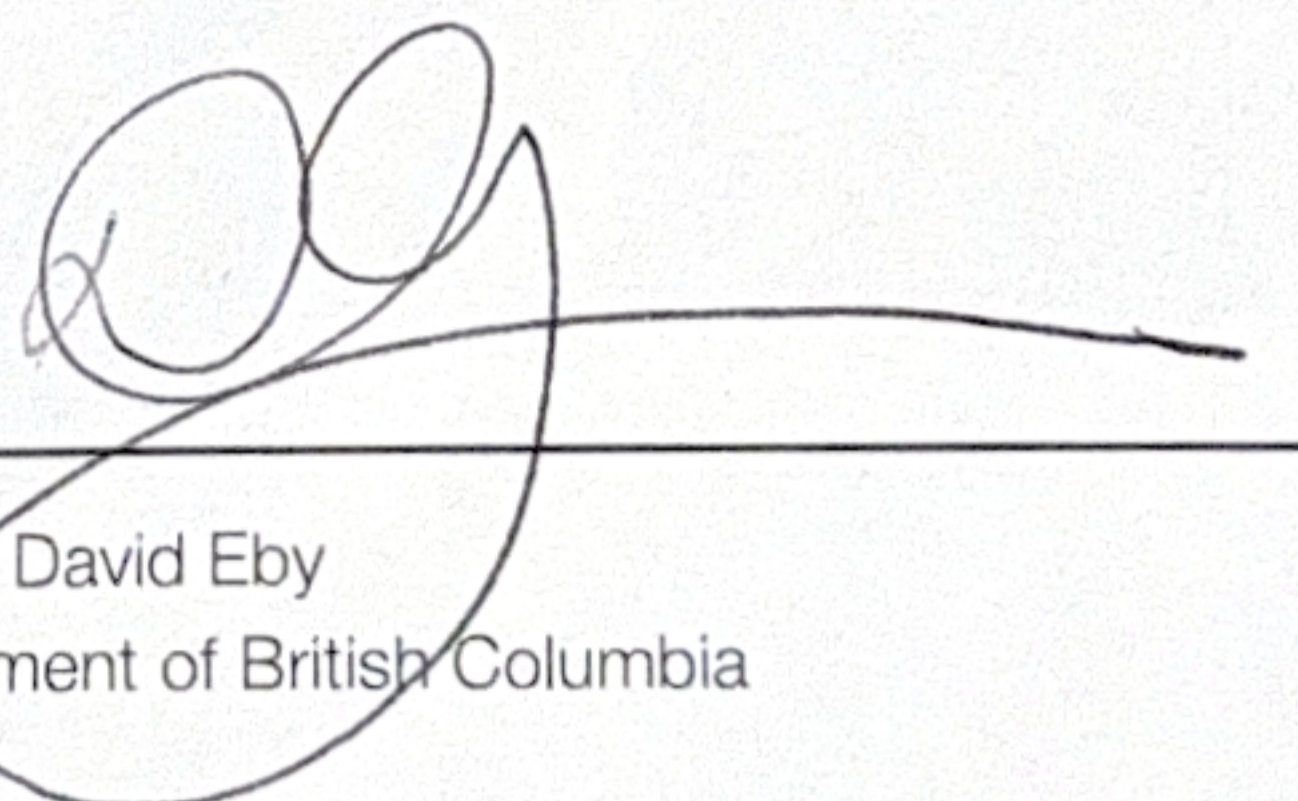
THEREFORE, through this MOU, the Parties agree to:

1. Collaborate wherever possible to remove barriers to trade between them, bilaterally and through the CFTA's formal processes, including through the coordination and exchange of information on regulatory alignment and mutual recognition opportunities, and make concerted efforts to address any issues and challenges that may arise;
2. Identify opportunities for regulatory alignment in technical safety across their jurisdictions, recognizing that public health, safety and the environment remain the primary goal;
3. Coordinate and exchange information on regulatory alignment and mutual recognition opportunities, issues, and challenges;
4. Work together to identify options to align regulated occupations and registration processes, while maintaining and strengthening public safety standards, including continuing to work on initiatives with the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship to develop a digital tool for faster and more cost-effective trades worker certification across jurisdictions;
5. Acknowledge that this MOU sets out the understanding of the Parties with respect to their cooperation but is not legally binding and does not create any legal, equitable, or financial rights, obligations, or liabilities for either Party.

This Agreement will come into effect upon signing.

Signed at Huntsville, ON this 22 day of July


Premier Mike Pemberton
Government of Yukon


Premier David Eby
Government of British Columbia