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Under the [*Destination BC Corp. Act*](#), the Crown corporation is responsible for:

- Marketing British Columbia domestically, nationally and internationally as a tourist destination:
 - The tourism industry in B.C. is comprised of many stakeholders including tourism operators, product sectors, communities, associations, regional destination marketing organizations, and federal, provincial, and municipal governments, all playing a role in destination marketing and management.
 - Through Destination BC's consumer marketing, travel trade, travel media, and industry programs, millions of consumers from around the world are encouraged to visit B.C. every year.
 - Tourism operators can reach these consumers in a cost-effective way through various marketing initiatives including digital and social media, listings programs, advertising campaigns, public relations programs, and other promotional activities, offered by the Corporation.
- Providing support for regional, sectoral, and community tourism marketing:
 - Through a variety of province-wide programs and partners, Destination BC invests over \$10 million annually in regional, sectoral, and community tourism marketing.
 - [*Tourism Business Essentials*](#) is a series of informative guides designed to help B.C.'s tourism businesses become more successful. First time tourism entrepreneurs, many of whom are new Canadians, find these guides useful in setting up and managing their business.
- Providing industry leadership in tourism marketing:
 - Destination BC works collaboratively with tourism stakeholders across the province to coordinate tourism marketing at the international, provincial, regional, and local levels. A regionally-representative Tourism Marketing Committee provides strategic advice to Destination BC's Board and CEO.
- Promoting training and development in relation to tourism marketing:
 - [*Remarkable Experiences*](#) is a comprehensive learning program that supports small and medium sized businesses to enhance their visitor experience with a focus on Experience Design, Digital and Social Media Marketing. The two month program includes workshops, one-to-one coaching and assessments of participants' online presence.
- Providing support for visitor centres:
 - Visitor Services create a positive visitor impression, and encourage longer stays and travel in all regions of the province, generating economic benefit to tourism businesses and communities. More than 100 community-based Visitor Centres throughout British Columbia comprise the Visitor Services Network. In 2017, Visitor Centres across B.C. provided service to over 2.52 million visitors and interacted with a further 377,000 visitors through new "roaming ambassadors" and "mobile street teams."
- Conducting tourism related market research:
 - Destination BC conducts research on various aspects of the tourism industry, providing internal program areas as well as industry partners with information to enhance the effectiveness of future marketing and development activities. Research is critical in order to be at the forefront of utilizing and sharing insights and intelligence to support consumer marketing, travel trade, and industry and destination development activities.

Executive Commitment to Multiculturalism

Destination BC's commitment to multiculturalism is reflected in its [Standards of Conduct](#). The document defines how the organization creates a safe and healthy work environment where staff and all stakeholders are treated with dignity and respect. In addition, as an organization that conducts business around the globe, the Corporation contracts with many international agencies and implements in-market activities in such a way that respects the diverse interests and cultural sensitivities that exist worldwide.

Key Processes, Policies, and Structures in Support of Multiculturalism

Respect for the individual is a core principle at Destination BC. Embracing diversity and inclusion as part of our organizational culture is key to our ability to achieve service expectations and to effectively partner with industry to promote and develop B.C.'s tourism sector. The organization adheres to and supports the Human Rights Code of British Columbia and the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, which protect individuals from harassment and other forms of discrimination. Destination BC's success depends on the integrity of its systems and the people involved in providing products and services. The organization requires every employee to fulfill the promise to conduct business with professionalism and honesty, as reflected in the [Standards of Conduct](#).

Highlights of Initiatives

- Destination BC continues to fund and work with the Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC (AtBC) on the implementation of programs that develop and market Indigenous tourism products in all of Destination BC's key markets. These programs support the growth of Indigenous owned and controlled businesses and their employees.
- Destination BC's partnership with AtBC also supports Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs' to participate in Destination BC's Destination Development program. Together with AtBC, Destination BC is working on new ways to advance the quality of visitor experiences, to assist in sustaining long-term demand for B.C.'s tourism industry.
- Destination BC works with key travel media outlets in B.C. and around the world to generate awareness of the tourism experiences B.C. has to offer. This includes providing story ideas for the locally based multicultural media outlets.
- Destination BC works with key international tour operators and other tourism partners to develop itineraries and promote tourism experiences and partners in a number of marketing activities with the objective to increase visitor volume and revenue from key target markets. Destination BC has in-market representation in Australia, Germany, Japan, China, the United Kingdom and Mexico.
- Destination BC has an English and French language consumer website as well as other foreign language consumer websites for the following markets: France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico and China (both simplified and traditional Chinese language).

Sidebar / Story

Remarkable Experiences Program supports small and medium size tourism businesses with learning solutions designed to support new or enhanced visitor experience development and digital marketing excellence. Participating businesses explore ways in which they can increase their business revenue and enhance their online presence. The program is made available in communities across the province, supporting collaboration among participants who are from the same region.

In 2017, Destination BC and Aboriginal Tourism BC (AtBC) formed a partnership to encourage AtBC stakeholders' participation in the program for the 2017-18 year. This partnership has met with pronounced enthusiasm. Twenty Indigenous businesses participated in the program. This represents almost 10% of the businesses expected to participate in the Program this year.

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<p style="text-align: right;">Marsha Walden</p> <p>Report approved by _____ CEO _____ Date _____ 19DEC17</p> <p>Deputy Minister's Office or <u>Crown Corporation CEO</u></p>
<p>Your report may be utilized for additional multicultural initiatives like the annual BC Multicultural Awards. Do you support this? _____ Yes</p>