

# CHRISTINA (CHRIS) DAWKINS

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: MINISTRY OF FINANCE, B.C.

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### ***Executive Lead***

**Financial Real Estate and Data Analytics Unit** Sept 2019 to present

- Created a new unit within Finance with:
  - A policy branch, responsible for the regulatory frameworks for real estate and for anti-money laundering initiatives identified by the Maloney report on money laundering in BC real estate; and
  - A new data analytics branch that will develop data holdings in the Policy and Legislation Division to support the policy work of the Division including tax policy, intergovernmental initiatives and Covid-19 recovery initiatives.
- Led the Provincial team on the BC- Canada ad hoc Working Group on Money Laundering in BC Real Estate.

### ***Acting Assistant Deputy Minister***

**Policy and Legislation Division** Jan 2019 to Sept 2019

- Led the Division through parliamentary processes (including Budget 2019, estimates, review processes for legislation, consultations with Green party, tabling and reading of legislation); and
- Presented the Ministry's perspective to other jurisdictions/agencies with respect to ongoing policy issues such as a Cooperative Capital Markets Regulator, Renters' Rebate, property assessments in Vancouver, First Nations issues, and real estate regulation.

### ***Executive Director***

**Financial and Corporate Sector Policy Branch** 2016 to 2019

- Led the Branch through the development and delivery of high priority government projects including:
  - Developing a registry of beneficial ownership in land and the creation of a registry of pre-sale condominium assignments;
  - Ending self-regulation in the real estate sector (for which the Legislature was recalled in summer 2016), and revisiting the

subsequent regulatory structure;

- Supporting the Expert Panel on Anti-Money Laundering in Real Estate; and
- The ongoing creation of a single Cooperative Capital Markets Regulator to replace individual provincial securities regulators.
- Ensured the provision of objective policy advice to the Minister and the reflection of decisions in legislation related to:
  - The regulatory frameworks for private sector pension plans, real estate licensees and developers, mortgage brokers, credit unions, insurance companies, and securities issuers and dealers; and
  - Business organization structures including corporations, societies, cooperative associations and partnerships.
- Articulated changes in government policy direction about the regulatory structure for real estate to the real estate industry and to its regulators.

***Executive Director***

**Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Taxation Development Branch** 2013 to 2016

- Delivered complex legislation for an income tax on LNG under tight timelines in support of a key government initiative.
- Consulted with the LNG Alliance (an industry group) about design aspects of the LNG income tax.

***Director***

2011 to 2013

***Strategic Advisor; Tax Policy Analyst***  
**Tax Policy Branch**

2000 to 2010 (excl 11 mos.)

- Advised the Minister about revenue measures related to property taxes, usually during the preparation of the provincial budget.
- Led a special project under tight timelines during the return from the Harmonized Sales Tax to the Provincial Sales Tax to ensure the fair tax treatment of newly constructed housing.

***Senior Policy Advisor***

**Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations Branch**

2003 to 2004

- Specialised in the Equalization Program: provided analysis, represented British Columbia on federal/provincial technical committees and made recommendations to the Minister.

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## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Research Analyst***

University of Western Ontario

1992 to 1994

- Coordinated taxation and banking policy workshops in Viet Nam.
- Undertook economic modelling projects with researchers from Cote d'Ivoire; India; Viet Nam; Peru and Argentina.

### ***Lecturer in Economics***

Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey

1990 to 1991

- Taught undergraduate and graduate economics courses.

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## **EDUCATION**

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***PhD (Economics)***, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK

2000

***MA (Economics)***, University of Western Ontario

1992

***BA Honours***, University of Guelph

1990