

# 2020/2021 BRITISH COLUMBIA RAILWAY COMPANY COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE

## **BACKGROUND**

British Columbia Railway Company (BCRC) is a Crown corporation incorporated under the British Columbia Railway Act.

BCRC's primary mandate is to acquire and hold railway corridor and strategic port lands and to make related infrastructure investments to provide benefits to the Province. Specifically:

- BCRC retains ownership of all former BC Rail railway lands and track infrastructure and is responsible for the management of its long-term lease with CN Rail.
- BCRC retains ownership of two strategic port terminal lands and is responsible for the management of its long-term leases with Pembina (formerly Kinder Morgan) and Squamish Terminals.
- BCRC retains ownership of the Port Subdivision, the 24-mile railway line accessing the port terminals at Roberts Bank and is responsible for maintaining the track infrastructure and managing all train operations for CN, CP and BNSF to service Deltaport Terminal and Westshore Coal Terminal.
- BCRC's subsidiary, BCR Properties Ltd., is mandated to acquire and retain ownership of strategic lands which support port terminal operations.

On April 1, 2010, the shares of BCRC were transferred from the Province to the BC Transportation Financing Authority (BCTFA), resulting in BCRC becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of the BCTFA, under the management control of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure ("MoTI"). BCRC remains a self-supporting commercial Crown corporation and retains its legal and legislative authorities, assets and agreements.

## **BCRC'S COMPENSATION PLAN**

Established within the Public Sector Compensation Guidelines, BCRC's approved Compensation Plan (the "Plan") identifies salary ranges that take into account: annual salary progression within the pay scales, employee performance, and individual career planning objectives. The Plan is also used to address retention issues and control salary costs from year to year. BCRC uses external professional Human Resources Consultants to analyze comparative markets for benchmarking compensation, benefits, and perquisites for all employees.

In June 2015, crown corporations were directed to implement a Common Compensation Philosophy for the B.C. Public Sector to embody the following four core principles:

## **CORE PRINCIPLES**

### **Performance**

Compensation Programs support and promote a performance-based (merit) organizational culture.

### **Differentiation**

Differentiation of salary is supported where there are differences in the scope of the position within an organization, and/or due to superior individual team contributions.

## **Accountability**

Compensation decisions are objective and based upon a clear and well documented business rationale that demonstrates the appropriate expenditure of public funds.

## **Transparency**

Compensation programs are designed, managed and communicated in a manner that ensures the program is clearly understood by employees and the public while protecting individual personal information.

In addition, the Plan is designed to meet the following key objectives:

### **Attract and Retain Qualified Employees**

BCRC established competitive salary ranges based on market data, a competitive benefits package and positive work environment in order to retain qualified employees.

### **Externally Competitive**

As a commercial Crown Corporation, BCRC salary ranges take into consideration the local, provincial and/or national rates of pay in both the private and public sectors. Determination of salary ranges is done through participation in annual salary surveys, analysis of prevailing market pay rates and adjustments within salary ranges as appropriate.

### **Internally Equitable**

Positions are evaluated based on market (pay) data from salary surveys. The basis for selecting market data is position comparison, determined by comparing the duties and responsibilities of the BCRC position with the best match of the survey positions. They are matched on content, not necessarily title. Several factors are considered to establish and maintain internal pay equity among employees. These factors include applicable work experience, education, appropriate certifications, performance, and consistent application of pay policies and practices.

## **BCRC'S PENSION PLAN**

Effective July 14, 2004, BCRC no longer offered a Pension Plan to its employees. All permanent full-time employees are eligible for an RRSP with employer contributions at a level equivalent to the value of the former BC Rail Ltd. registered pension plan.

## **BCRC PAY PHILOSOPHY**

Established within the Public Sector Compensation Guidelines, the salary ranges within the Plan for each position reflects the organization's pay philosophy. BCRC sets its competitive target market at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or median of the comparative market. This means that the midpoint of BCRC salary ranges approximates the median of the market. BCRC's salary ranges were updated in 2016 and approved in 2017.

## **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

In July 2012, the Crown Corporation Executive Compensation Policy was approved and Crowns were directed to make amendments to employment agreements to ensure that they were compliant with the new Policy. In May 2013, BCRC amended the employment agreements with the Executives accordingly.

BCRC Executive Compensation Disclosure 2020 2021.xls

Name and Principal Position  (a)	Salary	Statutory & Health Benefits	RRSP	All Other Compensation	Previous 3 Years Totals	
	(\$) (b)	(\$) (c)	(\$) (d)	(\$) (e) <sup>(1)</sup>	(\$) (f)	
Gordon Westlake, President & CEO	\$ 178,946	\$ 13,478	\$ 16,098	\$ 6,960	2018/19	\$ 215,482
	\$ 182,796	\$ 13,557	\$ 16,452	\$ 6,960	2019/20	\$ 219,765
	\$ 186,263	\$ 13,400	\$ 16,765	\$ 6,960	2020/21 *	\$ 223,388
Kevin Steinberg, VP Finance & CFO	\$ 176,650	\$ 13,512	\$ 15,892	\$ 8,476	2018/19	\$ 214,530
	\$ 180,319	\$ 13,530	\$ 16,229	\$ 8,588	2019/20	\$ 218,666
	\$ 183,739	\$ 13,347	\$ 16,538	\$ 5,896	2020/21 *	\$ 219,520

Benefits (c) includes: Statutory Deductions, WCB, Extended Health & Dental Benefits and Medical Services Plan Benefits

<sup>(1)</sup> Breakdown of (e) other Compensation

		Car Allowance	Vehicle Benefit	Vacation (unused) Payout	All Other Compensation (e)
Gord Westlake	2018/19	\$ 6,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,960
	2019/20	\$ 6,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,960
	2020/21	\$ 6,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,960
Kevin Steinberg	2018/19	\$ -	\$ 8,476	\$ -	\$ 8,476
	2019/20	\$ -	\$ 8,588	\$ -	\$ 8,588
	2020/21	\$ 2,610	\$ 3,286	\$ -	\$ 5,896

\*BC Railway Company provided a 2% performance based increase effective July 1, 2020 for the 2019/2020 performance year. As the executive freeze was implemented on August 31, 2020, executives will forgo standard performance based increases for the 2020/21 performance year.