

Updating the Tree Seeds and Services Regulation



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Introduction

FRPA

143(1)The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting fees or charges for the provision under this Act to any person by the government, or by the board, commission or council, if any, under this Act, of a service or any property or use of property.

- Provides the authority to set fees in regulation
- *Tree Seeds and Services Regulation*



Past Reviews

Fee Schedules under Section 47 *Financial Administration Act*

- 1998, 2003, 2011

Fee Schedules under Tree Seeds and Services Regulation

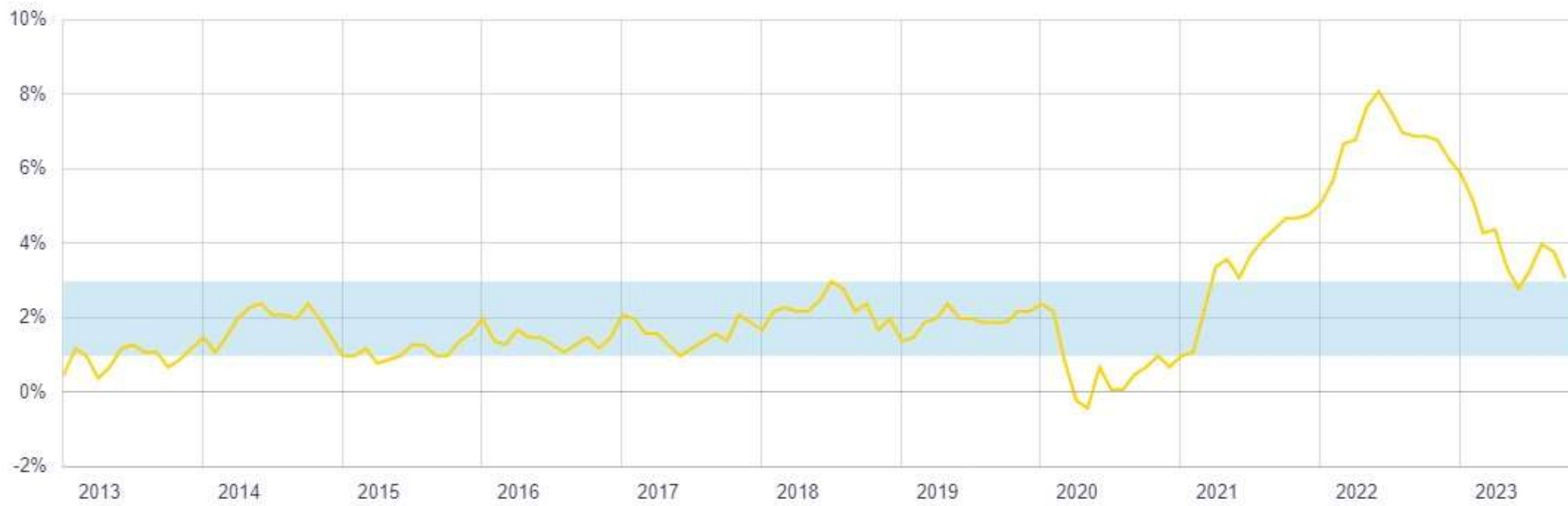
- 2019

Treasury Board Review in 2014 directed the Ministry to authorize future changes via regulation



Consumer Price Index

Year-over-year percentage change

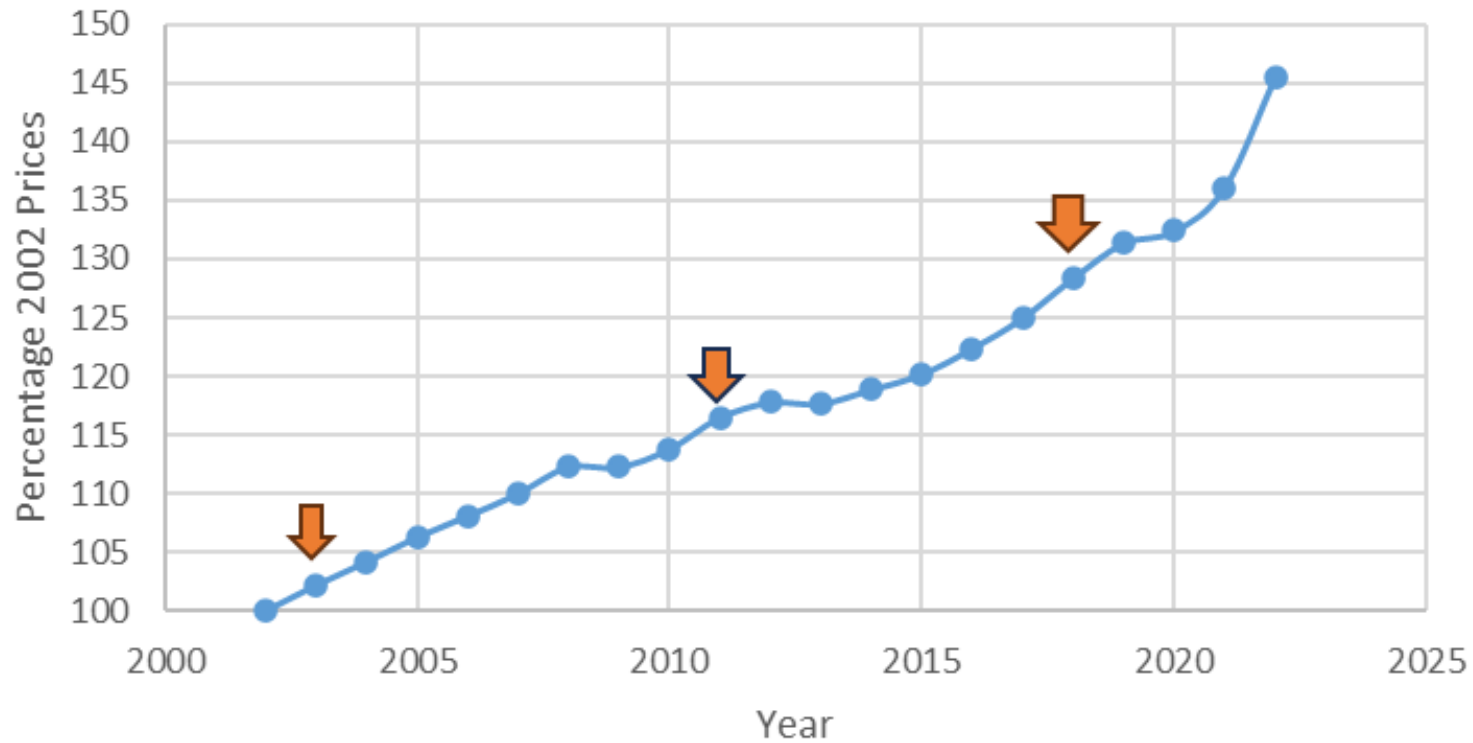


Target range CPI Inflation

Source: StatsCan



Consumer Price Index British Columbia



↓ Fee schedule update years



Process

Request for Treasury Board Submission

- Approved by ADM and Chief Financial Officer

Prepare Fee Issue Paper/Treasury Board Submission (Cabinet Committee)

- Details the proposed changes to fees
- Approved to go forward by Treasury Board

Order in Council

- Prepare drafting instructions to amend the regulation with new fees
- Approved by Cabinet



Fee Issue Paper

Submitted to Treasury Board

- Background/Context
- Number of Fees/Fee History Profile
- Rationale
- Target Implementation Date
- Costing Analysis
- Jurisdictional Comparison
- Stakeholder consultation



Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholder survey this spring

- Advanced notice that the survey will be coming
- Web survey to SPAR distribution list
 - Brief summary of the costing models and backgrounder
- Example questions:
 - Type of stakeholder and which fees apply to you
 - Do you understand the rationale for the proposed changes?
 - Are the proposed fees reasonable?
 - Comments
- Thanks in advance for taking the time to respond



Questions?