



Fraser Region – eight representatives

ML (Mary-Lynn) Burke, Delta; volunteer, Delta Seniors Planning Team; helps seniors navigate B.C.'s health system for services and housing; spent 15 years with Vancouver Coastal Health managing volunteer programs for seniors.

Bev Kennedy, Agassiz; semi-retired museum curator; chief elections officer, district of Kent; district electoral officer for Chilliwack-Hope; member of the Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities Committee.

Leslie Gaudette, Langley; retired epidemiologist; former manager, chronic disease treatment and outcome monitoring, Public Health Agency of Canada; senior analyst, Canadian Cancer Registry, Statistics Canada; vice president, Langley Players Drama Club.

Charan Gill, Surrey; co-founder, Canadian Farmworkers Union in 1978; founder (1987) now CEO, Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS); awarded the Order of B.C. and the B.C. Human Rights Award.



Val Windsor, Delta; co-chair of the Delta Seniors Planning Team; Delta School District trustee; 40 years in education, including 32 years as a classroom teacher. Passionate about seniors' housing, transportation and non-medical services.

R.D. (Bob) Ingram, Mission; 35 years in public service; education consultant; president of Mission Seniors Centre Association, Mission Community Services Society and Mission Association for Community Living; 2014 Citizen of the Year Award.

Kay Dennison, Delta; coordinator, Delta Seniors Planning Team; 17 years as supervisor of a community non-profit advocating for seniors' rights and independence; worked with seniors in areas of abuse, poverty, transportation and housing.

Janet Sie Ling Lee, Burnaby; immigrated to B.C. from China in 1963; hospital nurse for 30 years; volunteers with senior outreach for the Collingwood Community Centre; established a Chinese school in Vancouver in the 1980s.

Interior – six representatives

Donald Caskey, Grand Forks; active community volunteer, B.C. Seniors' Games (B.C. 55+ Games) Society, the local Red Cross Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP), the local hospice and the Kettle Valley Food Cooperative.

Jennifer Coburn, Savona; provincial president, B.C. Old Age Pensioners with 37 B.C. chapters; advocates for seniors' needs and lobbies for changes in the province.

Ralph Fossum, 100 Mile House; retired notary public; member, Rotary Club; director, South Cariboo Health Foundation; councillor, District of 100 Mile House; volunteers with seniors and at community events.

Broc Braconnier, Kelowna; Professional Engineer; retired senior Canadian Forces Officer and former CEO of a BC post-secondary training institute, currently serving on several boards including BC Condominium Homeowner Association, Central Okanagan Community Futures Development Corporation, among others.

Wade Ireland, Kelowna; figurative art model, actor; an experienced seniors' peer support worker; volunteered with seniors and disabled people in B.C. and Manitoba.

Walter Popoff, Krestova, Slocan Valley; director on the Regional District of Central Kootenay; vice chair, West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District; executive of the Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society.

Northern – three representatives

Barry Cunningham, Prince Rupert; former pollution response officer, Canadian Coast Guard; elected in 2013 to Prince Rupert city council; director, Regional District Hospital Board; advocate for suitable housing for seniors.

Anne Hogan, Prince George; former regional district administrator; housing research volunteer for the Prince George Council of Seniors; 2009 Masters thesis from the University of Northern British Columbia on seniors' housing, health and social inclusion in the city.

Linda Pierre, South Hazelton; elected to Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine; serves on the North West Regional Hospital District; instructor at Northwest Community College, blending Aboriginal worldview with modern workforce challenges.

Vancouver Coastal – seven representatives

Stuart Alcock, Vancouver; president of the 411 Seniors Centre Society; experience in health care, constituency assistance, legal aid management, social work and child and youth care counselling.

Mohinder Grewal, Richmond; Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of B.C.; former executive director, Sikh Professional Association of Canada; director, Vancouver Multicultural Society; president (twice), National Association of Canadians of Origins in India.

Trudy Hubbard, North Vancouver; president Kiwanis Seniors Housing; former executive director, North Shore Volunteers for Seniors; member, College of Occupational Therapists of B.C.; manager, B.C. Centre for Non-Profit Development.

Sue Jackel, Sechelt; taught Canadian studies and women's studies, University of Alberta; community volunteer, housing, economic development, seniors services, and community care.

Ihsan Malik, Richmond; 40-year member, Pakistan Canada Association, served as trustee, public relations director, secretary, and president; advocates for immigrant and refugee seniors' issues such as language barriers, transportation, housing and more.

Jennifer Shaw, Vancouver, retired gerontologist; former executive director of the West End Seniors Network, 1991-2004; chair, 1998 National Conference of the Canadian Association of Gerontology; fundraiser for a new hospice in Vancouver.

Bill Yuen, Vancouver; retired professional engineer; former school board trustee; chair, Employment Insurance Appeal Board; chair, special advisory committee, Ministry of Advanced Education; Regional Transition Council, Ministry of Children and Family Development.



Vancouver Island – six representatives

Marylin Davies,

Courtenay; elected to Terrace city council, 2001-2008 and 2011-2014; first chair, Northern Medical Trust; First Nations liaison; former music instructor and music examiner for Western Board of Music, Alberta.

David Chuenyan Lai,

Victoria; former professor, geography, University of Victoria; research affiliate, Centre on Aging; advisor, Victoria Chinese Seniors Association and Victoria Chinese Senior Activities Centre; member, Order of Canada; Honorary Citizen, City of Victoria.

Robert (Bob) McWhirter,

Salt Spring Island; former teacher, school district administrator; board member, Greenwoods Eldercare Society; president, Gulf Islands Retired Teachers Association; president, Salt Spring Island Historical Society.

Gail Maureen Neely,

Port Alice; chair, Seniors/Elders Better Living Advisory Committee to the Mount Waddington Health Network; represents both First Nation and non-First Nation communities; former mayor, Port Alice.

Buncy Pagely,

Saanichton; opened first Multicultural Women's Centre in Victoria; Canada's first model Diabetes Centre on the Songhees Reserve; winner, Women of Distinction Lifetime Achievement Award; Honorary Citizen Award from the City of Victoria.

Bob Willis,

Nanoose Bay; former air traffic controller; president, Nanaimo and Area, National Association of Federal Retirees; assists 2,000 members through committees, coordinating volunteers and member outreach.

