



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; vice president on the Delta Housing Be Mine Society, creating affordable housing for people with varying abilities; columnist with the Delta Optimist and the North Delta Reporter writing mostly on seniors and housing issues.

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.

John Barry Worsfold, White Rock, Adjunct Professor in Department of Gerontology at Simon Fraser University; former clinical social worker in the field of psycho-geriatrics for Fraser Health Authority.

Leslie Gaudette, Langley; epidemiologist and retired manager in Chronic Disease Division, Public Health Agency of Canada; senior analyst, Canadian Cancer Registry, Statistics Canada; member Langley Seniors Community Action Table, and supporter of Bard in the Valley and the Langley Players Drama Club.

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; volunteers on the Delta Opposes Violence Everywhere (DOVE) and Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships (NEVR) committees as the voice for seniors in the areas of senior abuse and family violence.

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.

Mohammad Rafiq, Surrey; volunteer in community development and welfare organizations including Surrey Seniors Planning Table; seeks to reduce the intergenerational gap and develop inter-cultural communication between communities.

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 Seniors Housing; 2014 Citizen of the Year Award.

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.

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.

Heather McDonald, (bio pending).

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.

Jennifer Coburn, Savona; past president BC Old Age Pensioners Organization.

Northern – three representatives

Anne Hogan, Prince George; retired 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, Director, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and North West Regional Hospital District, represent First Nations and rural/remote communities; Instructor, Northwest Community College; Marriage Commissioner; interest in social justice, systemic change.

Dawn Hemingway, Prince George; Associate Professor and Chair of the School of Social Work at the University of Northern British Columbia; Immediate Past President of the BC Psychogeriatric Association, serves on Northern Health Authority's Elder Program Council, Provincial Director for Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry; Prince George Better At Home Advisory Committee; Prince George Council of Seniors Advisory Committee; leadership team for the Stand Up for the North Committee.

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.

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; President of Metro Vancouver Cross Cultural Seniors Network Society for the last 3 years; Chairman of Trustees of Pakistan Canada Association for the last two years. Recently elected on the steering Committees of BC Health Coalition.

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.

Robie Scholefield, Vancouver; former BC TEL (now TELUS) Marketing Manager. For many years, Robie has been a member and volunteered in many associations. He is dedicated to improving the quality of life of seniors and persons with disabilities.

Marnie Simon, Pemberton; former program head of the Perioperative nursing program at BC Institute of technology; president of the Whistler Health Care Foundation for 15 years; director and chair of the Pemberton Library Board for 8 years; member of the advisory committee to Vancouver Coastal Health for over 5 years representing the Sea to Sky corridor; currently a member of the fundraising committee for the Sea to Sky Hospice campaign. Marnie is a Rotarian and was president of the Pemberton Arts Council for the past 4 years.

Vancouver Island – six representatives

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.

Bob Willis, Nanoose Bay; former air traffic controller; “Past President”, and Chair of the Nomination Committee, to the Nanaimo and Area Branch of the National Association of Federal Retirees; assists 2,000 members through committees, coordinating volunteers and member outreach.

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; Facilitator of Cancer And Heart Disease Programs in the a Multicultural Communities in BC, 10 years.

Valerie Thoem, Sidney; focus on accessibility and the implications of aging to people with a disability; has been a member of BC Ferries Advisory on Accessibility; Disability Alliance of BC and BC representative on Canada Pension Plan board concerned with developing fair and equitable CPP provisions for individuals with a permanent disability.

Gloria Wells, Qualicum Beach/ Parksville area; formerly held senior administrative posts in the Education, Human Services and Health sectors; focus of Ph.D. work was on collaborative initiatives for access and services to vulnerable populations; supports and participates in performing arts and live music in the area.

