



Fraser Region – seven 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.

Vincent Kennedy,

Langley; retired provincial government employee of 33 years; Deaf and Hard of Hearing Seniors Advocate with the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, assisted seniors in completing forms or accessing services, especially when English is not their first language; keeps seniors informed of changes in government policies and news.

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.

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.

Jerry Gosling,

Abbotsford; transit operator, aiming to help seniors across the province improve their lifestyle when it comes to housing, public safety and healthy eating; and is working to become better informed of senior's issues and advocate for B.C. residents; recipient of the Order of Abbotsford in recognition of volunteer service and community involvement..

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.

Interior – six representatives

Donald Caskey,

Grand Forks; retired teacher and BC Retired Teachers Association member; volunteer with the Red Cross HELP depot, member of local hospice; past involvement with the B.C. Summer Games and international masters swimmer.

Greg Howard,

Kamloops; retired educator with 43 years in public education; volunteer with Operation Red Nose, Rotary, B.C. Winter Games, and B.C. Career Education Society; caregiver for his father and in-laws and believes education is key to assisting seniors.

Heather McDonald,

West Kelowna; Retired 2000 Coquitlam School Board; a member of Senior Citizens Service Association; Certified Senior advocate 05/10/08; Joined 2014 Westside Health Network Society a non-profit organization as Vice President helping over 400 seniors on the westside. Taken courses as a senior peer advocate funded by Health Canada and Vancouver Foundation. Served on a committee with Kelowna Community Resources participating in a project for seniors transitioning from loss and retirement; September 2017 accepted on the Council of Advisors; Volunteered for Red Cross, Salvation Army, Gospel Mission and Food Bank.

Linda Martin,

Passmore; retired self-employed home care caregiver and president of the Passmore Seniors Branch #116; working to make a difference and be a voice and advocate for B.C.'s seniors. Past Board Member of Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society for the Passmore Lodge, member of West Kootenay Seniors Transportation Committee, Secretary-Treasurer/Grant Writer of Bee Awareness Society, educating children about honey bees; volunteer and participant in the 55+ BC Games in Track and Field and enjoys yoga, osteo-fit and cross country skiing.

George Atamanenko,

150 Mile House; consultant in community and regional planning and ranching; President of the Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin Board of Directors; Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee; speaks English, Russian and Ukrainian and interested in the preservation of heritage and culture and an enthusiastic skier.

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

Bernice Magee,

Burns Lake; trained as a Registered Nurse, former photographer, Realtor and Mayor and Councillor of Burns Lake; current President of the Burns Lake and District Community Foundation, Treasurer of the Burns Lake and District Seniors Society; Secretary of the Lakes District Family Enhancement Society; Membership Chair of the Nechako Lakes Liberal Association; Terry Fox Run volunteer and volunteer with the Emergency Social Services Reception Centre during wildfire season.

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

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 Committee of BC Health Coalition.

Serge Haber

Vancouver; involved in Seniors Advisory Council for Greater Vancouver; founder and past President Emeritus of the Jewish Seniors Alliance of Greater Vancouver; currently involved in outreach, research, advocacy and peer support programs for seniors in GVRD; attends regular meetings of COSCO, BC Health Coalition, and BC Coalition of People with Disabilities.

Robie Scholefield,

Vancouver; former Telus Marketing Manager. For many years, has been a member and volunteered in many associations. Dedicated to improving the quality of life of seniors and persons with disabilities.

Barb Mikulec,

Vancouver; retired teacher and director of the B.C. Retired Teachers Association, feels top three issues facing seniors today are housing, healthcare and outliving their resources; board member of the Kerrisdale Community Centre, committee member of the National Pensioners Federation, Director of BC Forum, Secretary of Metro Vancouver Cross Cultural Seniors Network, Presbytery representative of the Ryerson United Church, involved with the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC (COSCO).

Stuart Alcock,

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

Marnie Simon

Pemberton; former program head of the perioperative nursing program at BCIT; past President of the Whistler Health Care Foundation; ex-Director and Chair of the Pemberton Library Board; former member of advisory committee to Vancouver Coastal Health; currently member of fundraising committee for Sea to Sky Hospice campaign.

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.

Vancouver Island – six representatives

Geraldine Hinton,

Victoria; Former nurse clinician with a focus on teaching geriatric care to nursing students ; Former Organizational Consultant to the Victoria Institute of Gerontology at the Fairfield Health Centre; Retired Executive Director of the BC Government Office for Seniors: long history of service with St John Ambulance, developed a revolutionary program for seniors facing loneliness and poverty.; awarded the Alzheimer Society of B.C.'s Clyde and Lanny Slade Memorial Leadership Award; YM/YWCA Women of Distinction Lifetime Achievement Award; current member of Alzheimer Society of B.C., Government House Board of Trustees, and Veterans' Memorial Lodge at Broadmead..

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

Joseph Forsyth,

Parksville; retired consultant on privacy issues and former Assistant Deputy Minister Individual Rights and Citizenship in Alberta; experience in government with respect to senior's and women's issues and human rights; wants B.C. seniors to obtain supports to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

Bob Willis,

Nanose 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.

Gladys Latty

Courtenay; retired former Campus Director and College Instructor; says the council gives seniors an opportunity to voice their concerns and get Government's attention. Feels lack of money, healthcare and loneliness are the top issues facing today's seniors.

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.