



COUNCIL OF ADVISORS

The Office of the Seniors Advocate has a Council of Advisors (COA) that provides valuable insight into seniors' issues in B.C. This group of engaged and connected seniors represents each of the province's five health authority regions and comes from a wide range of educational, professional and socio-economic backgrounds. The COA serves as both a sounding board for the Seniors Advocate as well as a conduit to the Advocate for information and concerns from all regions of the province.

Over the past years, council members have been engaged in their local communities and regions representing the Office of the Seniors Advocate at several events and presentations, including the Union of BC Municipalities Convention and various senior's health and wellness events.





COUNCIL OF ADVISORS BIOGRAPHIES

FRASER—four representatives

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. Jerry is working to become better informed of senior’s issues and to advocate for B.C. residents. He is the recipient of the Order of Abbotsford in recognition of volunteer service and community involvement.
Bong-Hwan Kim Port Moody	Retired Government of Manitoba civil servant. Served as President, Korean Society of Manitoba; President, Korean Canadian Housing Corporation Inc.; Chair, Refugee Concerns Committee, Winnipeg Presbytery, United Church of Canada; Vice-president, Folk Arts Council of Winnipeg; received a Doctorate in Sociology from the University of Manitoba; currently serves as the Vice-president of the Korean Senior Citizens’ Society of B.C.
Royce Shook Port Coquitlam	Senior Vital Issue’s team member looking into the issue of senior isolation. Sits on the Port Coquitlam Mayors Round Table. Former board member, Share Family & Community Services Society. Award winning blogger on senior issues. 43 years in public education teaching grades 8 to 12 in Surrey; 10 years in post-secondary education as area chair for the University of Phoenix in curriculum development. Currently a workshop facilitator, mentor and trainer for COSCO Health and Wellness Institute.
Alfred Woo Burnaby	Retired lawyer with career service as a Crown attorney, executive experience with regulatory bodies, and in private legal practice at retirement. Currently serves on board of directors in a seniors outreach services society and as a peer counsellor. Member of and a past president of his Lions club. Volunteers with a seniors community centre. He is a member and past president of his military veterans unit.

VANCOUVER COASTAL—three representatives

Barb Mikulec Vancouver	Retired teacher and director of the B.C. Retired Teachers Association; feels the top three issues facing seniors today are housing, healthcare and outliving their resources; takes part in Salish weaving, oil painting and Scottish country dancing; 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, involved with the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of B.C. (COSCO).
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INTERIOR—three representatives

<p>Greg Howard Kamloops</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Leo M Campeau Lavington</p>	<p>Leo is a retired BC Ambulance Paramedic (EHS) and former fire chief - Kootenay Boundary Fire Services. He is a member of the BC Fire Chiefs, Canadian Fire Chiefs, and a local assistant fire commissioner. His volunteer service includes PEP Area Coordinator, North Okanagan Therapeutic Riding Association, North Okanagan Community Life Society, North Okanagan Valley Gleaners Society, Schubert Seniors Centre, and Habitat for Humanity (VERNON B.C.)</p>
<p>Sandy Zeznik Cranbrook</p>	<p>Sandy is a retired teacher/principal and district principal. She is a community volunteer with Rotary, Cranbrook Public Library, CARP East Kootenay, Seniors in Partnership, Age Friendly Committee, Chamber Information Centre, Cranbrook Health Care Auxiliary, Cranbrook Seniors Hall, Co-chair of 2018 55+ games (Kimberley/Cranbrook) and other non-profits. Sandy loves to travel and is an active Dragon Boat paddler.</p>

NORTHERN—two representatives

<p>Bernice Magee Burns Lake</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Margaret Sutton Dawson Creek</p>	<p>Retired teacher (39 years – UK, Singapore, Sask., B.C.); committee member and past director of BC Retired Teachers' Assn.; founder and facilitator of "Meals for You" (volunteers providing frozen meals for seniors); founding member of S.P Seniors Access Service Society providing support for seniors; secretary of South Peace Health Services Society; facilitator for "Grief Share"; recipient of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award.</p>



VANCOUVER ISLAND—five 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 B.C. 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, among many others.
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 the supports needed to remain in their homes for as long as possible.