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PGT releases its 15th annual Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report

The Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia (PGT) released its 2022-2023 annual Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report today. This retrospective report reflects on the PGT's property guardian services to British Columbia's children and youth over the past 15 years. It highlights how services have evolved since the first report was released, as well as outstanding challenges and transformational changes currently underway.

"In the past 15 years, the PGT's property guardianship role has expanded to include more services focused on improving support for children and youth in care. Sadly, some of the issues we identified in our first child and youth guardianship report in 2009 are still very noticeable in 2023." said Dana Kingsbury, Public Guardian and Trustee.

During the period, various legislative amendments have impacted the services and service provision approach of the PGT. On November 24, 2022, the Province passed Bill 38, the Indigenous Self-Government in Child and Family Services Amendment Act. Under this Act, First Nations and Indigenous communities can reclaim jurisdiction over child and family services.

"The PGT is hopeful that this new model of guardianship services will result in better outcomes for the children and youth that we serve. We look forward to working together with Indigenous Peoples in B.C. and our service partners to create positive and transformative change." said Kingsbury.

Highlights of the 2022-2023 Child and Youth Guardianship Services report are available [here](#), while the complete report can be found [here](#).

About the Public Guardian and Trustee

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is a corporation sole established under the Public Guardian and Trustee Act with a unique statutory role to protect the interests of British Columbians who lack legal capacity to protect their own interests. The mandate of the PGT is to:

- Protect the legal and financial interests of children under the age of 19 years;
- Protect the legal, financial, personal and health care interests of adults who require assistance in decision making; and
- Administer the estates of deceased and missing persons.

The PGT Child and Youth Services division provided property guardian services with 49

full-time equivalent employee positions to approximately 4,514 property guardian clients throughout 2022–2023. It administered over \$58.8 million of property guardian assets as of March 31, 2023.

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