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The Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia releases 2020-2021 Annual Report

VANCOUVER, OCTOBER 26, 2021 – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) of British Columbia announced today that it has released its 2020-2021 annual report.

The annual report provides a comprehensive overview of the PGT’s audited performance report and financial statements. It also features major accomplishments in the fiscal and addresses some societal trends and other factors that affect the work of the PGT.

“Pandemic restrictions beginning in early 2020 required us to quickly adjust our work systems and processes to shift the organization from mainly in-person services to virtual service delivery,” says Dana Kingsbury, the newly-appointed Public Guardian and Trustee. “The 2020-2021 annual report highlights the adaptability of PGT staff and stakeholders to rapidly changing circumstances, and our unwavering commitment to providing quality individualized service to our clients.”

In the April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 reported period, the PGT met or exceeded 17 of its 19 performance targets. Additionally the PGT also saw a higher demand for substitute health care decision requests.

“As temporary substitute decision maker under the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act*, the PGT was responsible for providing consent for COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals either unable to consent themselves or without a representative do so on their behalf. In 2020-2021, the PGT provided 548 consents to COVID-19 vaccination” continued Kingsbury.

During the period under review, the PGT identified investment actions for a small percentage of clients that were unduly delayed, causing some clients to miss out on potential investment returns. Impacted clients are being notified and will be compensated as the PGT takes action to prevent similar delays from occurring in the future. Additional information on this issue can be found [here](#).

Highlights of the report can be viewed [here](#), while the complete 2020-2021 annual report can be found on the PGT website [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.

During 2020-2021, the PGT served 26,077 clients and administered \$1.22 billion of client trust assets.

For more information about the PGT, visit www.trustee.bc.ca.

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