

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF RECORDS held by The BC Coroners Service**  
pursuant to Section 33 (2) (c) of the  
*Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name of individual authorizing the release of information)

certify that I am the appropriate person authorized to act for the deceased individual, as set out in Section 5 of the *FOIPPA Regulation* (set out below for reference),

and my relation to the deceased is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(personal representative or describe relationship)

**authorize the BC Coroners Service to disclose the following records relating to the deceased person,** \_\_\_\_\_  
(full legal name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date of death – month name, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(describe the records to be released)

**to:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name and address of person to whom the records are to be released)

**for the following purpose(s):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(describe the purpose of the disclosure)

This consent expires on: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month name, day, year, or write: Not Applicable)

This consent is effective as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
(day) (month name) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (required)

## Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Regulation (Excerpt)

### Who may act for a deceased individual

5 (1) In this section:

**"appropriate person"** means,

(a) in respect of a deceased adult, one of the following:

- (i) a committee acting under section 24 of the *Patients Property Act* for the deceased;
- (ii) if there is no committee acting for the deceased, the personal representative of the deceased;
- (iii) if there is no committee acting for the deceased and no personal representative of the deceased, the nearest relative of the deceased, and

(b) in respect of a deceased minor, one of the following:

- (i) the personal representative of the deceased;
- (ii) if there is no personal representative of the deceased, a guardian of the deceased immediately before the date of death;
- (iii) if there is no personal representative or guardian of the deceased, the nearest relative of the deceased;

**"nearest relative"** means the first person referred to in the following list who is willing and able to act under subsection (2) of this section for a deceased individual:

- (a) spouse of the deceased at the time of death;
- (b) adult child of the deceased;
- (c) parent of the deceased;
- (d) adult sibling of the deceased;
- (e) other adult relation of the deceased other than by marriage;
- (f) an adult immediately related to the deceased by marriage;

**"spouse"** means a person who

- (a) is married to another person and is not living separate and apart, within the meaning of the *Divorce Act* (Canada), from the other person, or
- (b) is living with another person in a marriage-like relationship for a continuous period of at least one year immediately before the death of the other person.

(2) If an individual is deceased, an appropriate person may act for the deceased in relation to any of the following sections of the Act:

- (a) section 5;
- (b) section 10 (1) (d);
- (c) section 26 (d);
- (d) section 27 (1) (a) (i);
- (e) section 29 (1);
- (f) Repealed. [BC Reg. 297/2021, Sch. 3, s. 1(a).];
- (g) section 32 (b);
- (h) section 33 (2) (c).

(3) If a nearest relative who is acting under this section ceases to be willing or able to act, the right to act under subsection (2) of this section passes to the person who is next in the definition of "nearest relative" and who is willing and able to act.

(4) If the right to act under subsection (2) of this section passes to persons of equal rank in the listed order in the definition of "nearest relative", the right passes to the person who is the eldest of the persons and descends in order of age to the next person who is willing and able to act.

(5) A committee, or a guardian of a minor immediately before the minor's death, may exercise a power granted under subsection (2) of this section to the committee or the guardian only if the power is within the scope of the duties or powers of the committee or the guardian.