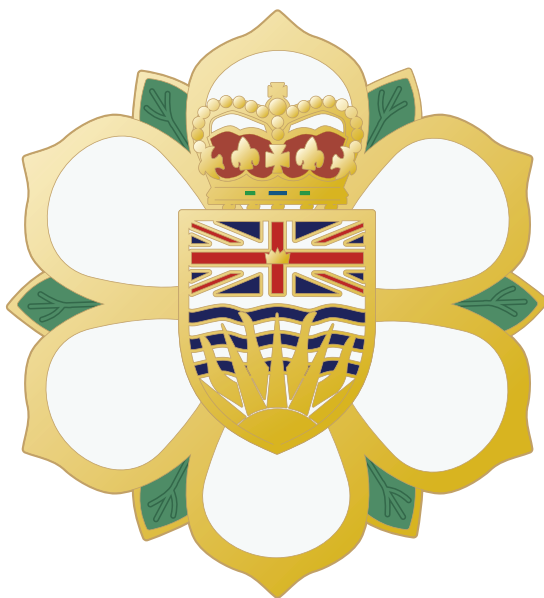


ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THIRTY-THIRD

INVESTITURE  
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THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 1, 2022

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

# *The Order of British Columbia*

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**T**he Order of British Columbia was established by statute on April 21, 1989, to recognize those persons who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of the Province or elsewhere.

The Order of British Columbia is bestowed annually on the most outstanding British Columbians possessing these qualifications. You are invited to participate in this ongoing process by nominating persons you feel are worthy of this acknowledgement and honour. Nominate someone today at [www2.gov.bc.ca/celebratingbritishcolumbia](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/celebratingbritishcolumbia).

Today we are investing 13 exceptional British Columbians into the Order including one member who was unable to attend last year.

With us today are truly outstanding people who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of our Province.

# *Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Chancellor of the Order*

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The Honourable Janet Austin was sworn-in as the 30<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia on April 24, 2018. Prior to this appointment, she spent 15 years as Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Metro Vancouver, one of the province's largest and most diversified non-profits.

Raised in Alberta, Her Honour spent her early career in public sector roles, working in regional planning and public consultation and communications. She moved to British Columbia, where she began working with BC Housing and actively volunteered for many organizations committed to improving the lives of others. She has served on various boards including the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, TransLink, the Women's Health Research Institute, the Canadian Pediatric Society, the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation and MOSAIC.

Her Honour is Chancellor of the Order of British Columbia and was invested as a member of the Order in 2016. As Lieutenant Governor, she has identified three key themes for her mandate: the promotion of diversity and inclusion, democracy and civic engagement, and Reconciliation.

# *Advisory Council*

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Her Honour, the Honourable Janet Austin, O.B.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia*  
*Chancellor of the Order*

The Honourable Robert J. Bauman  
*Chief Justice of British Columbia*  
*Chair*

The Honourable Raj Chouhan  
*Speaker of the Legislative Assembly*  
*of British Columbia*

Dr. Philip Steenkamp  
*President and Vice-Chancellor*  
*Royal Roads University*

Laurey-Anne Roodenburg  
*Past President*  
*Union of British Columbia Municipalities*

Silas Brownsey  
*Deputy Minister*  
*Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat*

Brenda Baptiste, O.B.C.

Dr. Debra Braithwaite, O.B.C.



Lucy Lobmeier  
*Secretary to the Advisory Council*

# Program

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## ENTRANCE OF THE VICE REGAL PARTY

### WELCOMING REMARKS

Jerymy Brownridge  
*Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor and  
Executive Director of Government House*

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

### INDIGENOUS BLESSING

Yux'wey'lupton (Clarence "Butch" Dick)  
*Lekwungen Elder of the Songhees Nation*

### INTRODUCTIONS

Lucy Lobmeier  
*Secretary to the Advisory Council and  
Chief of Protocol and Executive Director*

### INVESTITURE

### REMARKS

Her Honour, the Honourable Janet Austin, O.B.C.  
*Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia*

The Honourable David Eby, K.C.  
*Premier of British Columbia*

### GOD SAVE THE KING

### DINNER



# Letters Patent

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God,  
of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms  
and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth,  
Defender of the Faith

*Know ye that in recognition of serving with the greatest distinction and excellence in a field of endeavour benefiting the people of the Province of British Columbia or elsewhere, on the nomination of Our Advisory Council to the Order of British Columbia, and with the approval and on the recommendation of the Executive Council,*

*We do by these presents invest you with the*

## Order of British Columbia

*And We do hereby admit you to membership of the said Order, together with all and singular the rights, privileges and advantages to the Order appertaining, or which of right ought to appertain to the same.*

*In testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.*

*Witness the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this second day of August, two thousand twenty-two and in the seventy-first year of Our Reign.*

*By command.*



# Recipients

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Kúkpi7 (Chief) Rosanne Casimir, O.B.C.

Nezhat Khosrowshahi, O.B.C.

Joy MacPhail, C.M., O.B.C.

Fred Ting Shek Mah, O.B.C.

Harinder Mahil, O.B.C.

Maureen Maloney, O.B.C., K.C.

Geoff Plant, O.B.C., K.C.

Christine Sinclair, O.C., O.B.C. (virtual)

Dr. Poul Sorensen, O.B.C. (2021)

Dr. Paul Spong, O.B.C.

Hon. Gerald St. Germain, P.C., O.B.C.

Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould, P.C., O.B.C., K.C.

Bruce Munro Wright, O.B.C.

# Citations

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## Kúkpi7 (Chief) Rosanne Casimir, O.B.C.

### **Kamloops**

Kúkpi7 (Chief) Rosanne Casimir has gracefully led the community of Tkémłúps to Secwépemc through the discovery of more than 200 unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, known as Le Estcwicwéy (the Missing). She is a truly outstanding advocate for justice, reconciliation and healing for First Nations. Kúkpi7 Casimir and Tkémłúps Council brought the horrifying story of Le Estcwicwéy to the world. She has boldly and tirelessly held Prime Minister Trudeau to task, participated in a historic apology from the Vatican, and used the local, national and international media attention the Kamloops discovery has received to begin a mass education process about the impacts of residential schools and the racism faced by Indigenous peoples. Kúkpi7 Casimir has dedicated herself to reconciliation and creating real change for her people as well as developing and maintaining positive relationships with all levels of government.

## Nezhat Khosrowshahi, O.B.C.

### **Vancouver**

Since fleeing Iran in 1981, Nezhat Khosrowshahi has devoted herself to making a sustained difference. She listens and builds bridges, gathering key people from across sectors to work together toward the public good. Her impact is far-reaching – from B.C. Women’s Hospital to the Vancouver Symphony, from Lester B. Pearson United World College to the National Gallery, from the Nature Conservancy to the Aga Khan Museum. And the results of her efforts are tangible; as founder of the LIFT scholarship program, she helps marginalized youth succeed in high school and beyond, while through her work with Share, she spearheaded a campaign to provide a much-needed building to house the organization’s community service operations.

## Joy MacPhail, C.M., O.B.C.

### **Vancouver**

Joy MacPhail has contributed decades of service to British Columbia as an economist, government leader, social activist, businessperson and champion of LGBTQ+ rights. As an MLA, she served tirelessly in multiple roles: minister, government house leader, deputy premier and – following the 2001 election in which she was one of only two members of her party elected – formidable opposition politician. As minister of health, she demonstrated unwavering support for AIDS funding, helping transform the disease from a death sentence to a serious but manageable condition. Today, she is an owner of the world’s longest-airing gay and lesbian television network, OUT TV.

## Fred Ting Shek Mah, O.B.C.

Vancouver

Through six decades of service, Fred Mah has been a vigorous advocate for Chinese Canadian history as a means to promote equity and anti-racism. As a young man, he organized activities for Chinatown youth and taught English to immigrant women. He went on to help found innumerable instrumental cultural groups – from the Chinese Cultural Centre and the Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival Society to the Chinatown Society Heritage Building Association and the Vancouver-Guangzhou Friendship Society. Through his efforts, he helped create the community “Chinatown Vision” adopted by Vancouver city council, spearhead heritage renovation in the neighbourhood, and garner federal designation for Chinatown as a national heritage site.

## Harinder Mahil, O.B.C.

Coquitlam

Harinder Mahil has spent his life pursuing worker equality. As a young man new to B.C., he took on farming jobs, where he saw first-hand the injustices faced by the immigrant workforce. Through his organizing and activism, he helped to establish the Canadian Farmworkers Union and secure protection for farmworkers under the Employment Standards Act. When he moved from farmwork to sawmills, he made it his mission to improve the lives of workers in that industry, too. In the ensuing decades, he has continued to pursue justice, serving as founder of the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism, Chair of the B.C. Council of Human Rights, commissioner of the B.C. Human Rights Commission and president of the West Coast Coalition Against Racism.

## Maureen Maloney, O.B.C., K.C.

Victoria

A renowned lawyer, professor and public policy practitioner, Maureen Maloney has devoted her life to advancing human rights and social and economic justice for women, Indigenous peoples and other marginalized groups. As B.C.’s first female deputy attorney general, she championed reforms that improved access to justice, expanded restorative justice and enhanced support for women who suffer domestic violence. She has been involved in governance, dispute resolution and human rights projects around the world, and has served as a board member of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation and as a member of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. She recently chaired the B.C. panel on money laundering, whose groundbreaking report has had a significant influence on government policy.

## Geoff Plant, O.B.C., K.C.

Vancouver

Geoff Plant is a lawyer and social crusader who has had an expansive influence over social change and public policy in B.C. As the attorney general and minister responsible for treaty negotiations, he launched a historic new relationship with First Nations that introduced a series of successful modern treaties. As Vancouver’s civil city commissioner, he was an architect of the Collaboration for Change, which addressed the urgent situation facing the city’s most vulnerable people. And as a founding member of the Street-to-home Foundation, he brought about important initiatives to tackle homelessness. Most recently, his focus has been on improving the future of health care through the redevelopment of St. Paul’s Hospital into an integrated health campus.

## **Christine Sinclair, O.C., O.B.C.**

**Portland, Ore.**

As captain of the Canadian national women's soccer team, Christine Sinclair has made a positive difference – not only as the leading goal scorer, male or female, in international football ever, but as a tireless advocate for girls and women in sport and a committed crusader for multiple sclerosis research. She has scored 190 goals and counting for Canada over the past 21 years, represented her country in five World Cups and four Olympics and, in 2020, was instrumental in bringing home the gold medal. Most notably, she is an inspiration and role model for soccer players, from the youngest grassroots players to the most advanced professionals.

## **Dr. Poul Sorensen, O.B.C.**

**Vancouver**

Dr. Poul Sorensen, a Professor of Pathology at the University of British Columbia, has dedicated his career to understanding the biologic underpinnings of childhood cancers. His B.C. Cancer Research Agency lab uses a combination of genetic and biochemical approaches to identify proteins or pathways altered in human tumours, starting with childhood cancers. His internationally recognized work has resulted in the discovery of many different genetic alterations in human cancers, most notably a novel type of genomic alteration called an NTRK gene fusion. His discovery of these fusions led to the development of new treatments for patients whose cancer is caused by this alteration. One treatment can be used to treat more than 24 forms of cancer with this genomic alteration, including rare pediatric cancers.

## **Dr. Paul Spong, O.B.C.**

**Alert Bay**

Dr. Paul Spong's pioneering research has had a profound impact on expanding our understanding of orcas and saving them from captivity and extinction. Paul began his career studying Skana, a captive orca at the Vancouver Aquarium. This study led him to conclude that concrete tanks deprive cetaceans of vital acoustic and social needs, and led him to found OrcaLab, a not-for-profit research facility that collects and deciphers whale modulations and songs using a network of remote hydrophones. Paul was also at the forefront of the 1970s global anti-commercial whaling movement, through which he inspired Greenpeace's Save the Whales campaign, helped bring about a moratorium on commercial whaling and, in the process, helped save several species.

## **Hon. Gerald St. Germain, P.C., O.B.C.**

**Langley**

The Honourable Gerry St. Germain rose from humble beginnings in a small Métis community the highest levels of government in Canada. As the first self declared Métis person in the federal cabinet, he worked to move airport management from Transport Canada to regional communities, helped establish TRIUMF (Canada's premier physics lab) at UBC, championed the conservation of the Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, and was closely involved in the creation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. As a B.C. senator, he chaired the Standing Committee on Indigenous Peoples, through which he introduced legislation on self-government, helped resolve land claims, played an instrumental role in securing a formal apology from the federal government regarding residential schools, and was a founder of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition.

## Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould, P.C., O.B.C., K.C.

Quathiaski Cove

As Canada's first Indigenous minister of justice and attorney general and the first woman ever elected as an independent member of Parliament, the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould has made an indelible mark. She has led change on medical assistance in dying, legalizing cannabis, increasing diversity in the judiciary, and recognizing Indigenous rights. As B.C. Regional Chief, she supported the vital work of First Nations rebuilding their governments and Nations. She has written three bestselling books, "Indian" In The Cabinet: Speaking Truth To Power (2021), From Where I Stand (2019), and most recently, True Reconciliation: How To Be A Force For Change (Nov. 2022). Jody is a descendant of the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk and Laich-Kwil-Tach peoples, which are part of the Kwakwaka'wakw, also known as the Kwak'wala-speaking peoples.

## Bruce Munro Wright, O.B.C.

Vancouver

For almost three decades, Bruce Munro Wright has lent his extensive legal and business expertise and impressive fundraising ability to innumerable health, literacy, conservation and arts organizations. His contribution has truly run the gamut: he has been director, mentor and adjudicator of the LORAN Scholars Foundation; chair of the Nature Conservancy of B.C., the Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver Opera and Frontier College; director with the national Nature Conservancy, Vancouver Symphony, Ballet B.C. and Arts Umbrella; board member of Opera in Canada, Contemporary Art Gallery Vancouver and Chor Leoni Men's Choir foundation; President of the Pride in Art Society and Health Arts Society B.C.; avid supporter of Early Music Vancouver; and B.C. representative of the Museum of Contemporary Arts Toronto.

# The Insignia

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*The Insignia of the Order of British Columbia is in the form of a medal.*

*The medal depicts a stylistic dogwood (the floral emblem of British Columbia), and features a crowned shield of arms. It is worn with a green, gold, white and blue ribbon. The medal was designed by Bruce W. Beatty.*

*In addition to the medal, members of the Order receive a lapel pin and a Certificate of Appointment in the form of Letters Patent. Members are also granted the right to have the letters O.B.C. placed after their names.*

*With the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the Royal Crown displayed on Order insignia does not change. The style of Crown used at the time the Order was established in 1989, which is a St. Edward's Crown, remains until directed otherwise by the Canadian Heraldic Authority.*



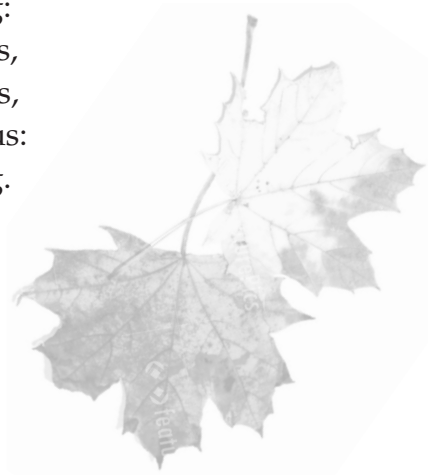
## O Canada!

O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love  
in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



## God Save The King

God save our gracious King  
Long live our noble King,  
God save The King:  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save The King.



# Government House

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Located on the traditional territory of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, Government House is the office and official residence of the Lieutenant Governor and the ceremonial home of all British Columbians. As the Province's centre of hospitality, the House and grounds welcome visitors to large public events, as well as ceremonies, receptions and dinners by invitation that honour and celebrate individuals and organizations. The Lieutenant Governor also offers accommodation to distinguished visitors including members of the Royal Family, international royalty, heads of state and other honoured guests of British Columbia.

Government House and its surroundings are an attractive and enduring reminder of British Columbia's historic past, and a continuing symbol of allegiance to the Crown. A National Historic Site, the Estate of the Lieutenant Governor embraces 14.6 hectares, including a rare Garry oak ecosystem, formal gardens and breathtaking views of the Olympic Mountains. The site is a popular attraction for both Victoria residents and visitors. Thanks to the time and expertise of the dedicated volunteers, the Friends of Government House Gardens Society, the grounds have become a well-utilized, much treasured greenbelt for the community.

Visitors to the grounds can also see Hosaqami, a 24-foot pole carved by Chief Tony Hunt and former Lieutenant Governor Steven Point as a symbol of Reconciliation. Hosaqami is a replica of a pole carved by Chief Mungo Martin. In 1959 the Royal Canadian Navy commissioned the pole as a gift for the Royal Navy. It was displayed in England until the late 1980s where it was damaged by weather. It was sent back to Canada and Chief Hunt, who assisted his father Henry Hunt and his adoptive grandfather Chief Martin in carving the original, recommended it be returned to the earth and a replacement be carved. The new Hosaqami stands in front of Government House where it remains in perpetuity, while the original pole rests at the Cary Castle Mews.

The grounds are open daily from sunrise to sunset, free of charge. The Cary Mews Interpretative Centre and Tea House is open to the public from May to September.



*With Thanks,*

**Isolde Roberts-Welby**

alumna of the Victoria Children's Choir,  
undergraduate voice student at the  
University of Victoria, and a  
choral scholar at Christ Church Cathedral.

*and*

**Brad Prevedoros**

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