

## **Ministers Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women - members**

### **Wendy Grant-John (Chair)**

Wendy Grant-John is a mother, grandmother, former Chief of the Musqueam Nation and the first woman to be elected as vice-chief to the Assembly of First Nations. She has been working to advance Aboriginal cultural, social and political issues for more than 30 years.

### **Charlene Belleau**

Charlene Belleau, Chief of the Esketemc First Nation, is from the Interior of British Columbia and is a former Director of the Residential Schools Unit of the Assembly of First Nations.

### **Mary Tegee**

Mary Tegee is from the Takla Lake First Nations in north-central BC. She is the Carrier Sekani Family Services Director and provides cross-cultural training to agencies and individuals who offer services to the Carrier Sekani people. She believes that community wellness depends on nurturing tradition, cultural values and the environment.

### **Kim Baird**

Kim Baird is from the Tsawwassen First Nation on the Lower Mainland. Kim served as Chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation for 13 years. She successfully negotiated BC's first urban treaty and has the distinction of being the first Aboriginal women to address the BC legislature in October 2007 when the Tsawwassen Treaty legislation process was initiated.

### **Sophie Pierre**

Sophie Pierre is the current Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission. She led the St. Mary's Indian Band for 30 years as elected Chief and was the administrator of the Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council for 25 years. She has also served on the boards of many major organizations, including BC Hydro and the First People's Congress.

### **Darlene Shackelly**

Darlene Shackelly, Executive Director of the Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC. Darlene is from the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nation and is a member of the Nooaitch First Nation band. She has dedicated the last 32 years to working with the Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of British Columbia, and has been the Executive Director for the past 14 years.

### **Paulette Flamond**

Paulette Flamond is from Northeast BC. Paulette sat on the Native Economic Development Advisory Board for the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation before it was disbanded, and is currently Vice President of the B.C. Aboriginal Business Service Network Society and a Board Member of the Fort St. John Métis Society.

**Debbie Williams**

Debbie Williams is the Executive Director of the Hiiye'yu Lelum House of Friendship Association in Duncan on Vancouver Island, and has an urban Aboriginal focus. She also serves as the Representative to the National Association of Friendship Centres Board of Directors, an ex-officio position to the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres Executive Committee.

**Chastity A. Davis – Vancouver/West End**

Chastity Davis is the Principal and Lead Consultant with Chastity Davis Consulting. Previously, she was a Key Account Manager with BC Hydro and prior to that, a Project Manager with Refinery Leadership. Active in the community, Ms. Davis is a Director on the board of the Minerva Foundation and a longtime Combining Our Strength Council Member. In the past, she was the Vice President of the Aboriginal Women's Leadership Association of BC and is a frequent speaker at events including the Women's World Conference, National Women's Retreat, Healing Our Spirit Worldwide, and BC Institute of Technology's (BCIT) Aboriginal Alumni. Ms. Davis holds her Diploma in Marketing Management and Professional Sales from BCIT and her Bachelor of Arts in Professional Communications from Royal Roads University. She is currently completing her Master of Arts in International and Intercultural Communication at Royal Roads University (completion date July 2014).

**Marjorie White – New Westminster**

Marjorie White is an Elder Advisor and former Executive Director of Circle of Eagles Lodge Society. Currently, she serves as Founder and member of the BC Association of Friendship Centre Elder Council, President of Aboriginal Mother Centre, Senator of the National Association of Friendship Centres, Vice President of Luma Native Housing, Chair of the Vancouver Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee, and a member of the Pacific Association of First Nation Women, the Vi Fineday Transition Society, Urban Spirit Foundation, Huu-ay-aht Government, and Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Service Society. Ms. White is the recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal, the International Year of the Volunteer Award from Correctional Services Canada, Women Making a Difference Award from the Vancouver Society Immigrant and Visible Minority Women, Volunteer Recognition Award from Volunteer Vancouver, the Women of Distinction Award from the YWCA, and the Gold Feather Award from the Professional Native Women's Association, to name a few. In addition, she was previously appointed to the Langara College board, Citizenship Courts, the Vancouver Police Commission, and the Safer Cities Task Force.