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<u>The Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia releases 2022-2023</u> <u>Annual Report</u>

This report provides the comprehensive audited performance report and financial statements of the PGT over the 2022-2023 fiscal period. It also highlights major accomplishments over the year, and addresses societal trends and other factors that affect the PGT's work.

"The Public Guardian and Trustee took the opportunity last year to refresh our values," says Dana Kingsbury, the Public Guardian and Trustee. "The world and expectations have changed and it is important that we, as an organization, reflect what our clients need and expect."

In the reporting period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, the PGT met or exceeded all 17 of its performance targets.

Additionally, the PGT worked with Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs) and other partners in preparing to implement Bill 38, Indigenous Government in Child and Family Services Amendment Act.

"We look forward to collaborating with many different IGBs as they seek to reassert their jurisdiction over child and youth services. All of the IGBs can expect the PGT to be a strong ally and partner," continued Kingsbury.

During this period, the PGT also continued work to renew and improve its technology, including preparing to introduce new online services.

Highlights of the report can be viewed <u>here</u>, while the complete 2022-2023 annual report can be found on the PGT website <u>here</u>.

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 2022-2023, the PGT served 27,257 clients and administered \$1.4 billion of client trust assets.

For more information about the PGT, visit <u>www.trustee.bc.ca</u>.

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