

## News Release

### **PGT releases its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report**

**VANCOUVER, DECEMBER 11, 2020** – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) released its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report today. This report provides an overview of property guardianship services delivered by the PGT to children and youth who were in the continuing care of the province between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. It also highlights the work accomplished by the PGT to provide extended financial management support for youth leaving care.

“The work the PGT does as property guardian brings with it the responsibility to provide reasonable transition support to youth leaving care, so that as our young clients reach the age of majority, they will have received financial wellness skills training to enable them to begin to manage their own financial affairs.” said Catherine Romanko, Public Guardian and Trustee.

This year, the PGT introduced a PGT specific truth and reconciliation strategy designed to support learning about Indigenous peoples and to enable staff to develop competencies relevant to serving Indigenous clients.

“The PGT is committed to providing culturally sensitive and appropriate services to our property guardian clients, the majority of whom are First Nations, Inuit or Metis.” said Romanko.

The PGT is property guardian for over 4,500 children and youth who are in the continuing care of the Province of British Columbia.

Highlights of the 2019-2020 Child and Youth Guardianship Services report are [available here](#), while the complete report can be found [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.

In 2019-2020, the PGT served 26,542 clients and administered \$1.11 billion of client trust assets.

For more information about the PGT, visit [www.trustee.bc.ca](http://www.trustee.bc.ca).

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