

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Public Guardian and Trustee releases 2016-2017 Annual Report**

**VANCOUVER, OCTOBER 30, 2017** – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) today released its 2016-2017 Annual Report. The report provides a comprehensive audited performance report and financial statements, highlights major PGT accomplishments and addresses a number of societal trends and other factors that affect the work of the PGT.

This year, the PGT met or exceeded all 20 publicly reported performance targets. The PGT made significant progress over the last year in modernizing client service through the acquisition and development of a new trust accounting system. The new system will meet modern trust accounting standards and allow for more meaningful reporting to clients about their estate and trusts under PGT administration.

“This has been a year of positive change for the PGT as we continue to modernize our organization,” said Catherine Romanko, Public Guardian and Trustee. “With the development of a new trust accounting system, the PGT will be better equipped to serve those British Columbians who rely on us for assistance.”

Over the course of the year, the PGT contributed to public awareness, policy development and law reform initiatives. One such effort involved consultations with members of the online Civil Resolution Tribunal regarding the protection of the legal interests of minor children and incapable adults who may become involved in legal proceedings before the Tribunal.

Read the 2016-2017 Annual Report on the PGT website [here](#).

For a summary of the Annual Report, please find our Highlights document [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.

During 2016-2017, the PGT served approximately 26,700 clients and administered approximately \$974 million of trust assets.

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

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