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Public Guardian and Trustee of  
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### **PGT STAFF MEMBER APPOINTED TO NATIONAL SENIORS COUNCIL**

VANCOUVER – Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, announced the appointment of Alison Leaney to the National Seniors Council (NSC).

Alison has over 22 years of experience working on behalf of and advocating for vulnerable citizens in BC, and currently works as the Provincial Coordinator for the Vulnerable Adults Community Response at the Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia (PGT). She is involved in several local and provincial initiatives and currently serves as the Chair of the British Columbia Association of Social Workers Seniors Community of Practice.

“Alison has dedicated over 20 years to better understanding and supporting the needs of older adults”, said Catherine Romanko, Public Guardian and Trustee. “We are proud to see Alison being recognized on a national stage for experience and expertise and wish her the best in this new appointment where she can continue her work in improving the quality of life for seniors in Canada.”

Alison was appointed to the NSC along with a new chairperson and three other members, all of whom will be working with the NSC to engage with seniors, stakeholders and experts to provide advice to the Government of Canada on matters related to the health, well-being and quality of life of seniors.

Find more information in the Government of Canada news release [here](#).

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### **About the Public Guardian and Trustee**

The 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



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- Administer the estates of deceased and missing persons.

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