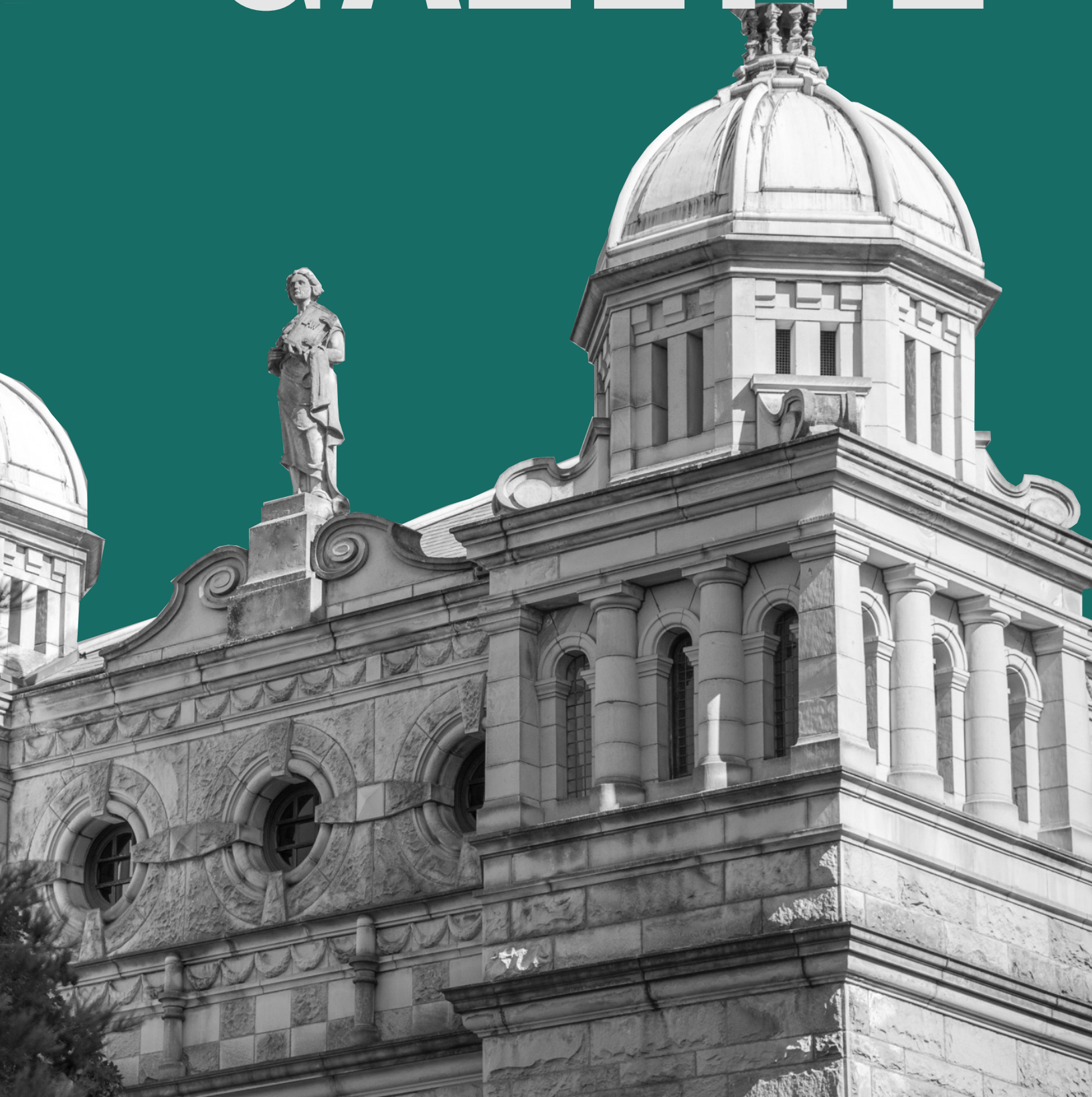


THE 2025 BCLIP

# GAZETTE





It is a tremendous and at times heavy privilege to arrive at work each day at the Legislative Assembly, which is located on the territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples, known today as the Songhees and Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations. The work of the Legislative Assembly also impacts the more than 200 distinct First Nations communities that exist within B.C. The interns do not take this privilege and responsibility lightly.

We extend our sincere gratitude to those who took the time to educate us on the history of the Legislature, welcome us to the territory, and help us find our way through this internship. Thank you also to the Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations for their ongoing stewardship of this land, which has taken place since time immemorial.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey at the Legislature. The interns commit to this work going forward, holding a vision of the province that works to right injustices and build relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

Read more in the Legislative Assembly's Reconciliation Action Plan (2024-2028).





# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>LETTERS</b>	
FROM THE EDITORS .....	4
FROM KAREN AITKEN .....	5
FROM EMMA CURTIS .....	6
FROM GERALD BAIER .....	7
FROM THE PARTY LEADERS .....	8
<b>50TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS .....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>INTRODUCTIONS BY INTERNS .....</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>STATUTORY OFFICE &amp; MINISTRY PLACEMENTS</b>	
SHORT OVERVIEWS .....	18
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON .....	20
OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER .....	21
OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER .....	22
MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL .....	23
<b>CAUCUS ARTICLES</b>	
GOVERNMENT CAUCUS .....	24
OFFICIAL OPPOSITION CAUCUS .....	26
THIRD PARTY CAUCUS .....	28
<b>CONSTITUENCY WEEK</b>	
CONSTITUENCY HIGHLIGHTS .....	30
COLUMBIA RIVER - REVELSTOKE .....	31
KOOTENAY - MONASHEE .....	32
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS / WEST VANCOUVER - SEA TO SKY .....	33
<b>INTERN HIGHLIGHTS .....</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>LEADERSHIP PROJECTS</b>	
WASHINGTON EXCHANGE .....	36
TORONTO TRIP .....	38
MODEL PARLIAMENT .....	40
STUDENT EDUCATION .....	40
JUDICIAL DAY .....	41
ACADEMIC DAY .....	41
<b>INTERN HIGHLIGHTS .....</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>BOOKS WE LIKE .....</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>MLA INTERVIEWS</b>	
HARWINDER SANDHU .....	45
ROB BOTTERELL .....	46
Á'A:LÍYA Warbus .....	47
<b>SPECIAL TOPICS</b>	
IN CONVERSATION WITH KEITH BALDREY .....	48
PROTOCOL: THE WORLD IS COMING TO ME .....	49
THE HEARTBEAT OF THE HOUSE: A LOVE LETTER TO THE DINING ROOM .....	50
<b>ALUMNI</b>	
MATT DELL, 2011 .....	51
JEFF WAATAINEN, 1992 .....	52
UPDATES .....	54
<b>IN CLOSING</b>	
THANK YOU'S .....	56

# LETTER FROM YOUR

# EDITORS

**EWA BOŻEROCKA**  
GRAPHIC DESIGNER

**MARINA HADEN**  
EDITOR

**HENRY WAATAINEN**  
LEAD EDITOR

**ANABELLA MACELROY**  
MANAGING EDITOR



Thanks for reading the 2025 Intern Gazette. We've tried to put together a (not so brief) encapsulation of what we've learned and the experiences this program offers.

Over the past six months, we've come together as a cohort, whether by meeting every day in our QP seats or going an hour out of our way to eat a piece of the world's biggest Nanaimo bar. This gazette captures our collective personality — namely, our shared love for the parliamentary dining room.

We were lucky to form the 50th BCLIP cohort and attend this year's reunion before we became alumni ourselves. There are few internship programs that can boast such an impressive alumni roster and gather so many together. That's a testament to this program, the interns who've completed it and the directors who've led it.

Saying 'interns are everywhere' starts out as a joke, but after meeting so many of them, we don't think it's much of an exaggeration. To all the alumni, thank you for welcoming us and to future interns, welcome to the best private club in B.C.

If you would like to read through this issue, please email [BCLIP@leg.bc.ca](mailto:BCLIP@leg.bc.ca) and we will mail you a printed copy. This edition is only available via paper copy this year.