



# BCTI Alumni NEWS

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## *The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC* LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Honourable Judith Guichon was sworn-in as the 29th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia on November 2, 2012. Prior to this appointment she owned and operated Gerard Guichon Ranch Limited in the Nicola Valley in the British Columbia Interior. The Guichon family has ranched in the area since 1878 and Her Honour's father-in-law was awarded the Order of Canada in 1974 for his leadership in Cattleman's Associations and his contribution to agriculture in Canada. Her four children now manage the ranch with a 700 head cow calf and 700 yearling operation.

Her Honour studied Holistic Management, a farming method which promotes sustainable management of livestock by emphasizing their natural habitat. Along with her late husband, commercial pilot Lawrence Guichon, she introduced Holistic Management to the ranchers of British Columbia.

Her Honour was also involved in several organizations. She served on the local hospital board and Community Health Council and was on the Community Health Foundation board. Prior to this, she served as a 4-H Leader and started a recycling society in Merritt, B.C. with a neighbour. She also served as a director for the Fraser Basin Council of B.C., director of the Grasslands Conservation Council of B.C., member of the Nicola Water Use Management planning committee and played the flute in the Nicola Valley Community Band.

Prior to her term as Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour served on the Provincial Task Force on Species at Risk and completed a two-year term as the president of the British Columbia Cattlemen's Association. She has also been a part of the Ranching Task Force for B.C. and the British Columbia Agri-Food Trade Advisory Council.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, and raised on a farm near Hawkesbury, Ontario, Her Honour moved to British Columbia in 1972. She and her husband, Bruno Mailloux, maintain a residence in the Nicola Valley.

### *The Lieutenant Governor...*

- ◆ Represents the Crown in British Columbia
- ◆ Upholds the constitutional framework
- ◆ Celebrates, inspires and connects British Columbians
- ◆ Profiles excellence and promotes the history, culture and achievements of British Columbians

The information on this page has been contributed by Government House, the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor and the ceremonial home of all British Columbians. Government House provides educational tours to school groups throughout the year. Visit the Lieutenant Governor's newly redesigned website ([www.ltgov.bc.ca](http://www.ltgov.bc.ca)) for more information about Government House, Her Honour's role, the history of the Crown's representative in British Columbia, and to access the online [School Group Tour Booking Form](#). A scavenger hunt for grades K-7 and a quiz for grades 8-12 are also available.



The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of BC, on the day of her installation (top)  
Official portrait of Her Honour (bottom)

### UPCOMING INSTITUTE

The next British Columbia Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy will be held in the fall of 2013. The dates of the Institute will be announced online in June. Completed applications are due by July 15, 2013. Encourage your colleagues to apply for this and future Institutes!

For more information, to complete a BCTI Alumni Survey, or to view photos of past Institutes, visit the:



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# NEWS FROM ELECTIONS BC & STUDENT VOTE

Keith Archer, British Columbia's Chief Electoral Officer, would like to remind alumni of the B.C. Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy that general voting for the May 2013 Provincial General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

The campaign period will officially begin with the issuing of writs of election on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 and marks the beginning of Elections BC's event-awareness campaign through a variety of media. There will be heightened media activity by political parties, constituency associations, candidates, election advertising sponsors and third party advertisers.

Elections BC views the campaign period as an important opportunity to:

**EDUCATE** future voters about the provincial electoral process, perhaps by conducting a mock election, or conducting a candidates forum, or by asking your District Electoral Officer to speak to a class/school

**EXPERIENCE** the provincial voting process first-hand by touring a class through a voting place during advance (May 8-11) or general voting (May 14), or by participating in Student Vote's experiential parallel election program ([www.studentvote.ca](http://www.studentvote.ca))

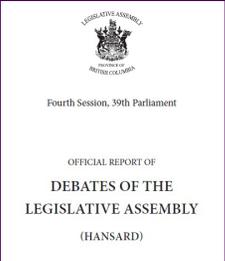
**ENGAGE** youth close to voting age (18) by encouraging employment at a district electoral office, or at a voting place, or to volunteer for a political party or candidate

Please visit the Elections BC website ([www.elections.bc.ca](http://www.elections.bc.ca)) for more information. Elections BC is a non-partisan Office of the Legislature responsible for the administration of the *Election Act*, *Recall and Initiative Act* and the conduct of referenda under the *Referendum Act*.

## GUIDELINES FOR USE OF HANSARD VIDEO AND HANSARD TRANSCRIPTS

Webcast video of the Legislature's proceedings and transcripts of debates in the House and Legislative Committee meetings can be useful tools in the classroom.

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia grants permission to replay the webcast video and reprint excerpts of the Hansard transcripts for use in schools and for purposes such as private study, research, criticism or review.



The Legislature resumes Tuesday, February 12th. Access live and archived video webcasts and a searchable index of Hansard transcripts here:

[www.leg.bc.ca/hansard](http://www.leg.bc.ca/hansard)



## Legislative Trivia

The first general election in the province of British Columbia was held in what year?

Email your answer to [PEO@leg.bc.ca](mailto:PEO@leg.bc.ca)  
The first correct respondent will receive a 2013 Legislative Assembly Calendar!

## STUDENT VOTE Election Fever Hits Schools this Spring

This May, British Columbia's elementary and high school students will be casting ballots for the official candidates running in the provincial election.

Student Vote is a parallel election for youth under the voting age, coinciding with official election periods. Students learn about the democratic process and party platforms through in-class activities, campaign events, family dialogue and media consumption. The program culminates with an authentic voting experience where students take on the roles of election officials and conduct a vote on the official local candidates. The results are collected from schools and shared with media for broadcast and publication on Election Night.

An independent evaluation commissioned by Elections Canada reports that the Student Vote Program is having a significant impact among students in the key areas associated with future voting (increased knowledge about politics and the electoral process, higher levels of political interest, enhanced sense of civic duty and increased political dialogue with family). In addition, the evaluation found that the program positively impacts educators' knowledge and confidence in teaching civics, as well as parental voter turnout.

Taylor Gunn & Lindsay Mazzucco, Student Vote



Free learning resources and election supplies are provided to registered schools.

To sign up for Student Vote BC, visit: [www.studentvote.ca](http://www.studentvote.ca)

Or, call: 1-866-488-8775



# NEWS FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION OFFICE

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## Provincial Capital Commission Application Deadlines for Travel Funding

The PCC provides some travel funding for student and youth groups making educational visits to the Capital.

For travel from July 2013 to January 2014  
the application deadline is:

**May 16, 2013**

Before you submit the application form, you must book your tour of the BC Legislature.

Your application form will not be processed until the PCC has been forwarded your 'Tour Request Approved' email sent to you by the Legislative Tour Office.

Please refer to the Application Guidelines on the PCC website for more information:

[www.bcpcc.com](http://www.bcpcc.com)



The Parliamentary Education Office has recently created QR codes for a number of our programs, including the B.C. Teachers' Institute. The QR code can be scanned to provide quick access to the BCTI webpage.

The Parliamentary Education Office is gearing up for the return of the Legislature on Tuesday, February 12th and the beginning of what is sure to be a very busy spring for the Legislative Tour Office. In mid-May, at the height of the school visit season, our new summer Tour Guides will be providing informative and educational tours about the role of the Legislative Assembly and MLAs, and the history of British Columbia and the Parliament Buildings. Back by popular demand, the Parliamentary Players will also be on site to highlight important historical characters and events that helped to shape and define our province. Clad in period costumes, these student actors appear on tours and will also be seen ad-libbing and interacting with students and visitors along the driveways and front lawns of the Parliament Buildings. Visit the [Information for Teachers](#) page on the Legislative Assembly's website for more information about school tours, educational resources and the Parliamentary Players.

**Legislative Assembly of BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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### Lesson Plans

The following lesson plans were created by teachers during various sessions of the British Columbia Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy. More information on the Teachers' Institute can be found [here](#).

*Please note that the lesson plans are in PDF format.* To view Acrobat PDF files, you need [Acrobat Reader](#).

**Please note:** Since some lessons can be adapted to learners in an elementary or secondary setting they appear in both sections. Additionally, some lesson plans cover a number of topic areas and therefore appear under more than one organizing theme.

- **Elementary / Élémentaire**
  - » Elections in B.C.
  - » Action at the Legislature / Action à l'Assemblée législative
  - » Understanding Government
  - » Influencing Government
  - » The History of the Legislature / L'histoire de l'Assemblée Législative
- **Secondary / Secondaire**

## CHANGES TO ORGANIZATION OF LESSON PLANS ON THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY'S WEBSITE

Over the years, attendees of the B.C. Teachers' Institute have created a number of wonderful lesson plans on various topics related to parliamentary democracy in British Columbia.

With assistance from a classroom teacher, the lesson plans have recently been recategorized online under a number of organizing themes at both the elementary and secondary level.

We hope this new format will help you to find lesson plans on a particular theme or topic quickly and easily!

Visit the [Lesson Plan](#) page to find out more.