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BACKGROUNDER: 2006 ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA RECIPIENTS

Beverly Ann Busson, C.O.M., Vancouver

Beverly Ann Busson was one of the first 32 women to become regular members of the RCMP in 1974. She is known for her visionary leadership style and exceptional communication skills. Deputy Commissioner Busson has a strong and varied operational policing background, beginning her policing career in British Columbia and serving in both small and large communities. She studied criminology part time at Simon Fraser University and subsequently earned a Bachelor of Law degree at the University of British Columbia.

Following a posting to Ottawa, she was promoted to the rank of Inspector in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, becoming the first woman in the force's history to become a commissioned officer. Deputy Commissioner Busson accepted successive positions of increasing responsibility in B.C. and Saskatchewan, becoming the Commanding Officer of the RCMP in Saskatchewan. She actively promoted community, justice and student programs in Aboriginal Policing, as well as the Aboriginal Cadet Program. In 1999, she returned to British Columbia to establish the province's highly respected Organized Crime Agency. In 2000, she was appointed Commanding Officer of the RCMP in British Columbia, and in 2001 she was promoted to Deputy Commissioner taking on regional responsibilities for B.C. and the Yukon. In 2004, she was invested as a Commander of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

Dr. Wallace Bakfu Chung, C.M., Vancouver

Dr. Wallace Bakfu Chung has made significant contributions to the citizens of British Columbia as a surgeon, educator, cultural historian and benefactor. He has made substantial donations to the University of British Columbia, including a collection of priceless artifacts from the early history of the province. Dr. Chung was the first Chinese Canadian surgeon to be appointed to the UBC Hospital and Vancouver General Hospital, where he led the Department of Surgery for nine years.

Dr. Chung is a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist who has been a member of a variety of organizations, including S.U.C.C.E.S.S., the B.C. Heritage Trust, the Vancouver Chinese Cultural Centre, the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens Society, and the Vancouver Maritime Museum. He was a member of the Canadian Multiculturalism Council, and helped to draft the Multiculturalism Act, which recognizes and promotes the diversity of all people in terms of race, cultural heritage and religion. He received the Order of Canada in 2005.



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Janet Nita Connolly, Atlin

Mrs. Janet Nita Connolly has shown unparalleled passion and leadership in fighting for her small town of Atlin, near the Yukon border in northwest British Columbia. Mrs. Connolly, along with dedicated members of the community, founded the Atlin Supportive Living Society out of the recognition of a growing demand for seniors' services. They endeavoured to work with all levels of government to ensure these demands would be addressed, and organized enough funding to open a respite and palliative care house in the town.

Mrs. Connolly has also extended her efforts to ensure equal access to health care and pharmaceutical prescriptions for Atlin residents travelling to long-term care facilities in the Yukon. She played a fundamental role in obtaining a memorandum of understanding between the B.C. and Yukon governments to address health-care provisions. Along with her advocacy work, Mrs. Connolly is a dedicated school teacher, and has recently completed a two-year program to expand her knowledge and care-giving skills in the health profession.

Thomas Anthony Dohm, C.M., Q.C. – Vancouver

During a legal career that spanned six decades, Mr. Thomas Dohm served with distinction as one of B.C.'s foremost defence counsels, as a prosecutor and a magistrate for the City of Vancouver, and as a Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Mr. Dohm also found time to take an active and varied leadership in the community, as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, director of the Vancouver Civic Non-Partisan Association, co-chair of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Honorary President of the Confratellenza Italo-Canadese Association, and president of the Vancouver Stock Exchange. He also spent 13 years as chair and member of St. Vincent's Hospital Board of Directors, and eight years as chair and member of the Board of Governors of UBC. Mr. Dohm has established several scholarships and bursaries at Capilano College, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Victoria, including a scholarship for Aboriginal law students, and a bursary for disabled students.

Mr. Dohm is an appointed Queen's Counsel, and has received the Order of Canada.



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Dr. S. Larry Goldenberg – Vancouver

Dr. Goldenberg is a urological surgeon scientist who has dedicated his career to seeking out the best possible urologic care for the people of British Columbia. He has an international reputation for excellence in prostate cancer research and treatment and, through his vision and leadership, the Prostate Centre at Vancouver General Hospital has developed into one of the top prostate research, education and health-care delivery programs in the world. It has been recognized by the federal government and by UBC as a Centre of Excellence for Prostate Research.

Dr. Goldenberg is a Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of British Columbia, and head of the Division of Urology. As Head of Urology, he has helped to establish the Bladder Care Centre at UBC, the Stone Centre at VGH and has raised funds to support education, research and equipment. He has served on numerous hospital, university, national and international boards and committees.

The numerous local and national clinical trials conducted under his leadership have put British Columbia on the map as a leader in urologic and prostate cancer research and treatment. His book, *Prostate Cancer – All You Need to Know to Take an Active Part in Your Treatment*, is considered one of the best reference sources for men with prostate disease in North America and has helped countless men and their partners cope with this illness.

Joy Kogawa, C.M. – Vancouver

Ms. Joy Kogawa is an internationally recognized author and poet and celebrated native of British Columbia. Her award-winning novel, *Obasan*, about the internment of Japanese Canadians in Canada during the Second World War, is considered to be one of the most important novels published in Canada, and is required curriculum for Canadian high schools and universities.

Ms. Kogawa has been active in social justice movements across Canada, in the areas of poverty and human rights. Through her solid, steady efforts, the issues of internment of Canadians of Japanese descent were brought to the attention of the Federal Government and were addressed by Canada in the 1980s.

Ms. Kogawa was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 1986.



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Chief Clarence Louie – Oliver

Since Clarence Louie was elected Chief of the Osoyoos Indian Band in 1985, he has consistently emphasized economic development as a means to improve his peoples' standard of living. Under his direction, the Band has become a multi-faceted corporation that owns and manages eight successful businesses and employs hundreds of people.

During Chief Louie's tenure, the Band has made several achievements, including the successful negotiation of over 1,000 acres of lease developments, the acquisition of land for the Reserve, the purchase of a viable off-reserve business, and the financing of a major golf course development. Chief Louie's leadership is also responsible for the initiation of the Osoyoos Indian Taxation By-law, the financing and construction of a new pre-school/daycare and grade school, and the construction of a new Health Centre and Social Services building for the Band. Chief Louie was appointed to the board of Aboriginal Business Canada in 2001, and was listed as one of the "Top 50 Canadians to Watch" in Maclean's Magazine in 2003.

Chief Louie received the Aboriginal Business Leader Award from All Nations Trust and Development Corporation in 1999, Economic Developer of the Year from the Advancement of Native Development Officers in 2000, the Inspirational Leadership Award from Aboriginal Tourism BC in 2002, and the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Business and Community Development in 2004.

Wendy Burdon McDonald, C.M. – Burnaby

Since 1944, Mrs. Wendy McDonald has built a very successful enterprise on what began as a small machine shop in Vancouver. Today, the B.C. Bearing Group is an international group of companies, with 60 locations and over 500 employees. In 1990, she was the first woman to be elected chairman of the Vancouver Board of Trade in its 103-year history.

Mrs. McDonald is active in the community, serving on various boards and advisory councils. She has served on the Board of Governors for BCIT and as a Trustee at UBC's University Hospital, and remains chairman emeritus of the Canadian Council for the Americas (B.C. Chapter), and PACE (Pacific Corridor Enterprise Council). She is also a director of C.H.I.L.D. (Children with Intestinal and Liver Disorders) and board member of BCPF (British Columbia Paraplegic Foundation).

Mrs. McDonald was recognized as Canadian Businesswoman of the Year in 1982 and as Leading Woman Entrepreneur of the World in 1998. She was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 1997.



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Gerald A.B. McGavin, C.M. – Vancouver

Mr. Gerald A.B. McGavin is a director and chairman of British Pacific Properties Ltd. and McGavin Properties Ltd. He is a generous philanthropist, who for over 40 years has excelled in business and voluntary work.

Mr. McGavin was director and chairman of the Arts Stabilization Program (VAST), an innovative and successful body that provided funding to eight Vancouver-based arts organizations. He is a director and chairman of the Vancouver Foundation, B.C.'s largest charitable foundation, and has served for many years as a trustee and chair of the Discovery Foundation, set up by the Province to assist with the development and funding of B.C. universities, and the Science Council of BC. Mr. McGavin is also a vice-president for life of the Vancouver Symphony Society.

Mr. McGavin assisted in the establishment of foundations for the Vancouver Symphony and the Vancouver Art Gallery. He has been a significant donor to many cultural and health-related campaigns, and he is also generous with his time in providing advice and encouragement to organizations.

Mr. McGavin is a Member of the Order of Canada.

Stephen John Nash – Victoria/Arizona

Mr. Stephen John Nash is a world-class basketball player who has represented his country with excellence. Mr. Nash, who grew up in Victoria, British Columbia, is now considered by many to be the best basketball player Canada has produced, and has played for the Canadian team at the World Championships in 1994 and the Sydney Olympics in 2000. Mr. Nash was originally drafted 15th overall by the Phoenix Suns in 1996, and in 2005, he led the team to the best record in the National Basketball Association that year. He was an NBA All-Star from 2003 to 2006.

Mr. Nash established British Columbia's Steve Nash Youth Basketball League, which attracts large numbers of young basketball players each year. He also started the Steve Nash Foundation for underprivileged children.

Capping a successful youth career as British Columbia's High School Athlete of the year in 1992, Mr. Nash would go on to earn numerous awards and in 2005, was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player and was voted Canada's Male Athlete of the Year. In 2006 he was awarded the NBA's Most Valuable player for the second consecutive year – joining a prestigious group of only eight other NBA players to earn back-to-back awards.



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Murray A. Newman, C.M., Ph.D. – West Vancouver

Dr. Murray Newman is the founding director of the Vancouver Public Aquarium, where he served as director for 37 years. During his tenure, he built the aquarium into one of the most prestigious in the world, without public subsidies. The aquarium became not only a major tourist attraction, but also an important educational centre for students, starting as a small park facility and culminating as the large, multi-faceted Vancouver Public Aquarium.

Due to Dr. Newman's dedication and effort throughout his career, the Vancouver Aquarium has drawn over 33 million visitors since 1956. After his retirement in 1993, the Murray Newman Awards for Excellence in Conservation and Research were established. He remains director emeritus of the Vancouver Aquarium.

Dr. Newman received the Order of Canada in 1979 and the Canadian Centennial Medal in 1967.

Chief Alver Tait – New Aiyansh

Mr. Alver Tait is a Nisga'a master carver and hereditary Chief of the Eagle-Beaver clan. He is a leader in his community, and exemplary ambassador for the Nisga'a and British Columbia in international venues. He is extremely knowledgeable in the culture and traditions of his people, and his tireless efforts to improve the welfare of his community have served to focus much attention on BC and the history of aboriginal peoples.

Mr. Tait has produced many of the signature totem poles that adorn the Nass Valley in northwestern B.C. He assisted with the carving of two red cedar canoes in 1981, and paddled from Prince Rupert to the Nisga'a Village of Kincolith. Chief Tait also worked with his brother, who is also a master carver, on the Beaver Pole that stands at the Field Museum in Chicago. Mr. Tait was selected by the City of Vancouver to carve a Nisga'a Eagle bowl, which was later presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In 2002, Mr. Tait was commissioned to carve a 12-metre totem for the 250th Anniversary of Vienna's Schoenbrunn Tiergarten, the world's oldest zoo. In 2003, he was asked by the British Museum in London to restore a totem pole carved in the 1860s, which was originally a monument to Mr. Tait's great-great-grandfather, Luuya'as, carrying the Eagle-Beaver images of his clan crest.



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Erich W. Vogt, O.C., Ph.D. – Vancouver

Dr. Vogt is a top researcher and scientist in the field of nuclear physics. A professor in the Department of Physics at the University of British Columbia, Dr. Vogt has taught thousands of undergraduate and graduate students. He has published many papers on theoretical physics, and is an internationally renowned scholar. Dr. Vogt has served on many high-level advisory committees in the field of nuclear and accelerator science in various world-class institutes.

In addition to an outstanding career in education and research, Dr. Erich W. Vogt has been a founder and one of the prime movers behind the TRIUMF project at the University of British Columbia, which is the largest university-based scientific laboratory in Canada for particle and nuclear physics.

Dr. Vogt received the Centennial Medal of Canada in 1967, fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada in 1970, the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Medal in 1977, and he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1976.