



# ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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### **14 TO RECEIVE 2012 ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

VICTORIA – Fourteen British Columbians who have contributed to the province in extraordinary ways will be awarded the Order of British Columbia, Lieutenant-Governor Steven Point, and Chancellor of the Order, announced today.

“As our Province’s highest honour, the Order of British Columbia is our way of acknowledging the outstanding achievements of our citizens. The recipients are an inspiration to all British Columbians,” Point said.

“The Order of British Columbia recognizes the remarkable accomplishments achieved by extraordinary British Columbians,” said Premier Christy Clark. “This year’s recipients have made exceptional contributions to their communities and to the province. On behalf of all British Columbians, I’d like to thank each recipient for everything they have done for the province.”

This year’s recipients are:

- David Barrett of Victoria – elected leader and one of modern British Columbia’s architects.
- Sister Nancy Brown of Vancouver – advocate for homeless and vulnerable young people.
- The Right Honourable Kim Campbell, P.C., C.C., Q.C. formerly of Vancouver – elected leader, trailblazer for women.
- Dr. Peter L. Cooperberg of Vancouver – world leader in the medical use of ultrasound.
- Christopher Gaze of Vancouver – cultural leader and founder of the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival.
- Rick Harry (Xwalacktun) of West Vancouver – internationally renowned artist, teacher and link between First Nations and other British Columbians.
- Norman B. Keevil of Vancouver – mining industry pioneer, entrepreneur and philanthropist.
- Hassan Khosrowshahi of Vancouver – entrepreneur, builder and generous supporter of community organizations.
- Marion Lay of Vancouver – world class swimmer, sport leader and inspiration for women athletes.
- Carol Matthews of Nanaimo – community leader, educator and tireless voice for social justice.
- Djavad Mowafaghian of North Vancouver – business leader, builder and philanthropist.
- James E. Ogilvie of Kimberley – innovative community leader.

- Tricia C.M. Smith, C.M. of Vancouver – world-class athlete, sport leader and example for B.C. women.
- Dr. Robert B. Thirsk formerly of New Westminster – astronaut, mechanical engineer, physician and role model.

Recipients of the Order of British Columbia have been selected by an independent advisory committee from public nominations. The 2012 Advisory Committee consists of: The Honourable Lance S. G. Finch (Chair), Chief Justice of British Columbia; The Honourable Bill Barisoff, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and MLA for Penticton; Dr. Ralph Nilson, President and Vice-Chancellor, Vancouver Island University; Director Heath Slee, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities; Pierrette Maranda, Associate Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat; and, Yuri Fulmer, O.B.C., and Baljit Sethi, O.B.C. (2011 recipients of the Order).

The Order of B.C. investiture ceremony will be held for recipients and invited guests at Government House in Victoria on September 6, 2012. Since the Order was first introduced in 1989, 331 people have received the honour.

The Order of B.C. is online at: [www.orderofbc.gov.bc.ca](http://www.orderofbc.gov.bc.ca)

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(The recipients' backgrounders are attached.)

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# BACKGROUND

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## 2012 ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA RECIPIENTS

### **David Barrett**

Some of the great institutions that make British Columbia unique – PharmaCare, the Agricultural Land Reserve, and ICBC – all exist thanks to the leadership of one man. He created Canada's first guaranteed income program for seniors, banned the use of corporal punishment in schools and created a province-wide ambulance service, question period in the Legislature, Hansard and full-time Members of the Legislature.

And David Barrett accomplished all of this in just three years as Premier, from 1972 to 1975.

Born in Vancouver in 1930, Mr. Barrett was a child of the Great Depression. He grew up in a family that was working class and politically active. It was not long before the young Mr. Barrett was challenging the system and proposing a better way.

Mr. Barrett's legacy to future generations is huge, the equal of that of Premiers who served the province for decades. First elected more than 50 years ago at the age of 29, Mr. Barrett was B.C.'s first New Democrat Premier (at the age of 41) and also served as a Member of Parliament in Ottawa.

Courageous, fearless, funny, dynamic and inspirational, Mr. Barrett dedicated himself to the belief that government has a moral obligation to care for our most vulnerable and provide equality for everyone. His exceptional ability as a public speaker, quick wit and plain-spoken style enabled him to forge a strong connection with the people he served.

One of the chief architects of British Columbia, Mr. Barrett is our oldest living former Premier.

### **Sister Nancy Brown**

Sister Nancy Brown, a Sister of Charity of Halifax, is a tireless advocate for the most vulnerable in our society: homeless youth and young people at risk for human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Sister Nancy came from a successful and well-known Vancouver family that believes in giving back to the community. She has spent most of her life doing just that. She has taught all grades of school and has worked as a university chaplain. She now works with homeless youth in her position as Pastoral Counselor/Ombudsperson at Covenant House Vancouver. Most of these youth are fleeing abusive homes, living in poverty and suffering from addictions and mental illness.

She spent five years volunteering at a women's shelter. She then obtained certificates in addictions counselling and working with abused young women and those who had been actively abusing women. She committed herself to taking a leadership role in the areas of sexual exploitation and human trafficking, a role she has maintained in the 13 years since she began working at Covenant House.

Sister Nancy works directly with young people on the street. She is currently a board member for REED (Resist Exploitation Embrace Dignity) and has served on a range of committees focussed on exploitation of women and children and youth homelessness. She developed public events, workshops and resources to show British Columbians and the world about the very real danger of youth exploitation and trafficking.

Working tirelessly to help vulnerable young people, Sister Nancy has consistently demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership with her passion for peace, social justice and non-violence.

### **The Right Honourable Kim Campbell, P.C., C.C., Q.C.**

The Right Honourable Kim Campbell is an extraordinary British Columbian who has served her province and country with distinction.

From the age of 16 when she became her school's first-ever female student body president to 30 years later, when she became Canada's 19th Prime Minister – Canada's first female Prime Minister – she has spent much of her life breaking barriers.

Ms. Campbell was Canada's first female Justice Minister and Attorney General, the first female Minister of National Defence of not only Canada, but any NATO country, the first Prime Minister born and raised in British Columbia as well as the first former Canadian Prime Minister to serve as a diplomat after leaving office.

Elected to the B.C. Legislature in 1986 and Canada's House of Commons in 1988, Ms. Campbell served in the War Cabinet during the First Gulf War and, as Justice Minister, acted decisively following the "Montreal Massacre", successfully implementing tighter gun controls. She also introduced ground-breaking changes to the Criminal Code that strengthened women's protection from sexual assault. Ms. Campbell became leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in 1993 and served several months as Prime Minister before the 1993 election.

Since leaving politics, Ms. Campbell has been involved with global issues, serving as Canadian Consul General in Los Angeles and working with many world leaders and former heads of state and government for the betterment of Canada and the world. She has been awarded nine honorary degrees and, in 2011, she became an Honorary Patron of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, her father's regiment.

### **Dr. Peter L. Cooperberg**

Ultrasound imaging pioneer Dr. Peter Cooperberg has been a world leader in the use of ultrasound in medical diagnosis, has authored 220 scientific publications and has played a key role in the education of most of British Columbia's radiologists, not to mention many others worldwide.

Dr. Cooperberg has served in a leadership role at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine's Department of Radiology since 1975. Equipped with a Bachelor of Life Science from MIT and an MD from McGill University, Dr. Cooperberg's training, expertise and energy made him uniquely qualified to take ultrasound from its infancy stage.

The rise of ultrasound imaging from its beginnings as static scanning to the current efficient standard of observing and imaging "real-time" is in large part due to Dr. Cooperberg's efforts. For many years, he trained fellows from around the world to learn the full potential of this medical technology, sharing his infectious enthusiasm for the field.

In 1983, with colleague Dr. Joachim Burhenne, Dr. Cooperberg founded the "Practical Radiology at Whistler" conference. The combination of sharing the latest radiology education with time spent in spectacular British Columbia has attracted large numbers of radiologists from around the world every year, bringing international recognition to UBC's Department of Radiology.

Dr. Cooperberg's innovation, teaching, research and clinical care are exemplary and his dedication to his field has benefitted all British Columbians. In recognition of his seminal contributions to ultrasound, UBC's Department of Radiology has initiated the Peter L. Cooperberg Annual Lecture.

### **Christopher Gaze**

Christopher Gaze is the founder and artistic director of Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival in Vancouver which is celebrating its 23rd season this year. Mr. Gaze has elevated the cultural standard not only in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland but indeed the province. Over 90,000 people from Canada, the United States and beyond, attend Bard on the Beach per season. Today, Bard on the Beach is a \$4.0 million annual budgeted operation which contributes to the economy and employment.

One of Mr. Gaze's major focuses is actors and audiences of the future. He has created the Young Shakespeare Acting Program Workshops which introduce children ages 8-18 to the wonder of the Shakespearean World. Every summer, over 275 young people train with the seasoned professionals on the Bard stages. The Festival also developed a Student Matinee Series that annually sees more than 10,000 students introduced to the magic of Shakespeare's stories and language.

Mr. Gaze hosts 20 concerts per year with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and sits on a variety of boards including Chor Leoni Men's Choir and the Health Arts Society. He has also received prestigious honours from the B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame, Canada's Meritorious Service Medal, Honorary Doctorates from SFU and UBC, the B.C. Community Achievement Award, the 2007 Gold Medal Medallion from the Children's Foundation of America and the 2011 Mayor's Arts Award for theatre.

### **Rick Harry (Xwalacktun)**

A highly skilled artist and teacher, Rick Harry (Xwalacktun) has produced a prodigious body of work and an enduring legacy of goodwill. He has accomplished this while making healing, growth, respect and giving back to the community the central themes in his life.

Born and raised in Squamish, Mr. Harry was educated at Emily Carr College of Art and Capilano College and then embarked on a 30-year career as an internationally-recognized artist and cultural ambassador. He works in wood, glass and steel and is best known for his remarkable wood carvings.

Mr. Harry's carvings can be seen in high profile locations such as the front doors of BC Hydro's main office buildings, the entrance to West Vancouver's Ambleside Park, the Squamish Nation band office's council table and the doors of the Capilano Reserve's new recreation centre. These are among more than 80 pieces he has carved for schools and other institutions across B.C. and around the world. He was the first Aboriginal artist chosen to receive a licence to produce 2010 Olympics-related designs.

With influence extending well beyond B.C.'s borders, Mr. Harry has been commissioned to produce carvings by galleries in New York and New Hampshire, has been featured on television programs, including Sesame Street, and has – for a decade – conducted totem carving classes in Scotland, helping people there preserve their own heritage.

Over the years, Mr. Harry has become a highly acclaimed artist, a link between the Squamish Nation and other communities and a great representative of our province.

### **Norman B. Keevil**

Dr. Norman Keevil is a mining industry pioneer, entrepreneur, builder and philanthropist, recognized as a mining leader and a man of great personal integrity who has championed responsible mining practices internationally.

Teck is one of the oldest continuously operating resource companies in Canada and its growth over the past five decades is in large part due to Dr. Keevil's unwavering efforts. He joined the company in 1963, becoming President and Chief Executive Officer in 1981 and Chairman and CEO in 1986.

Under Dr. Keevil's leadership, Teck has grown into a major integrated resource player with assets valued at almost \$30 billion. The company has built mines in British Columbia, Yukon, Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland as well as in Chile, Peru, and the United States.

In addition to helping to build Teck, Dr. Keevil has donated generously to educational institutions and made a significant contribution to the development of the Mining Association of Canada's Environmental Policy while serving as its Chairman. His many donations include a research chair for exploration Geoscience at the University of British Columbia, a scholarship in Earth Science at the University of Western Ontario, and a contribution toward a Canadian Mining Chair at the Universidad Católica de Chile. Teck has also made major contributions to BC Children's Hospital, the University of Alberta, and the Royal Ontario Museum.

Dr. Keevil was recently named to the prestigious Canadian Business Hall of Fame and will be inaugurated at a special ceremony in Toronto in May 2012. He has been inaugurated into the Mining Hall of Fame, named Canadian International Business Leader of the Year and received the T. Patrick Boyle Founder's Award from the Fraser Institute, among other honours and awards including an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from UBC in 1993.

### **Hassan Khosrowshahi**

In the 32 years since he and his family immigrated to Vancouver, Hassan Khosrowshahi has dedicated himself to his community.

Mr. Khosrowshahi personifies the 'great Canadian dream,' having left Iran at the time of the revolution to achieve business success and community leadership in British Columbia. In 1981 he and his family founded the Inwest Group of Companies, focusing initially on retailing and real estate and subsequently on pharmaceutical and entertainment industries. The Future Shop, one of Canada's great retail success stories, was an Inwest company until it was sold to Best Buy in 2001.

Through Wesbild Holdings Ltd., the group develops, holds and manages real estate, including land, resorts, shopping centers and high rise apartment buildings, in the Pacific Northwest. Wesbild developed Westwood Plateau, one of Canada's largest residential developments, with more than 4,500 residential units, and is currently developing land in Burke Mountain (Coquitlam) and Predator Ridge and Turtle Mountain in Vernon.

DRI Capital, a member of the group manages funds that purchase royalties from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, research institutions, and universities and is now a leading participant in this field worldwide.

Since 2007 through Reservoir Media Management, the group has been involved in the acquisition, ownership and administration of music copyrights.

Mr. Khosrowshahi is far more than a highly successful business person, as he and his family have been generous supporters of numerous community organizations and undertakings such as Street-to-Home, Share Family and Community Services, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the Vancouver General Hospital Foundation. He has served as the Chairman of the Fraser Institute, a member of the Executive Committee of the B.C. Business Council, a member of the board of the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, and B.C. Chair of the Governor General's Leadership Council. He is a member of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, and sits on the board of the Leading Edge Endowment Fund.

A proud and patriotic Canadian, Mr. Khosrowshahi is a strong supporter of democratic institutions in B.C.

### **Marion Lay**

Marion lay has long been one of the major forces behind the growth, development and success of Canadian women in sport.

After capping her athletic career by winning a bronze medal in swimming at the 1968 Mexico City Summer Olympic Games, Ms. Lay directed her considerable energies to promoting physical activity for women at every level.

Her accomplishments are many and varied. She was a founding member of the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sports and Physical Activity and a founding member of and a Honourary Board Member for ProMotion Plus the BC Organization for Girls and Women in Physical Activity and Sport. On behalf of the federal government, she was responsible for the development of the first policy and statistical paper on women and sport in Canada. She developed the first Women's High Performance Funding Plan in the lead-up to the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympic Games. She has worked to this day to ensure that funding for women in sport is equitable and has served as a special advisor to Sport Canada, responsible for the Women in Sport program.

Ms. Lay's energies have also been devoted to sport in general. She was sport director for Expo 86 and the Vancouver Centennial Committee, President of Operations for the Rick Hansen Man in Motion World Tour, Co-Chair of the BC Games Society and a Board Member for the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. She was the Chair for the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation and a member of the Board of Directors for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and was the founding President and CEO of British Columbia's ground-breaking 2010 Legacies Now Society.

Commanding global respect for her work, Ms. Lay has been honoured with numerous awards and is known as a creative, tenacious, hard-working visionary.

### **Carol Matthews**

For 45 years, Carol Matthews has been a model of excellence in leadership, nurturing others as an exceptional community leader, educator, writer, researcher and advocate for the arts and non-profit sectors. Her impact is evident locally, provincially and beyond.

After starting her career as a hospital and mental health social worker, Mrs. Matthews became Executive Director of the Nanaimo Family Life Association and then a college instructor and dean. As a consultant, she has assisted many community organizations – particularly in her community of Nanaimo – along with government departments and educational institutions. Her work with these groups involves developing and implementing strategic planning and facilitating vision and mission creation, leadership development, change management, team building and problem solving. In 2009 she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Vancouver Island University.

Mrs. Matthews has been an iconic figure on the landscape of Nanaimo and area non-profit agencies for decades. She has been a voice for social justice and the rights and well-being of those most vulnerable.

A colleague once joked that she was so busy on projects she believed in at Malaspina University-College (now Vancouver Island University), the Nanaimo Port Authority, her writers' group, KIDS International and a variety of other community activities, that she should start a club called "starters anonymous" focused on helping people like her who cannot resist acting on good ideas.



The problem was that she would need to start the club, which would take time away from all her worthwhile projects.

Mrs. Matthews' greatest achievement is leading with compassion and teaching others how to provide leadership in their organizations.

### **Djavad Mowafaghian**

Djavad Mowafaghian has a long history of philanthropic giving, with contributions that have had a tremendous positive impact on the lives of children and families in British Columbia and around the world.

Dr. Mowafaghian founded V1500 Holdings, a B.C. real estate investment and development company. He left Iran in 1978 and settled in Vancouver in 1986.

Since moving to British Columbia, Dr. Mowafaghian has had great business success and has given back to his adopted country and the larger world through 25 years of generous donations. In 2003, he created and funded the Djavad Mowafaghian Foundation to ensure the continuation of his philanthropy. Recently, he moved all of V1500 Holding Inc's building assets into the Foundation, a clear demonstration of his selfless nature.

Dr. Mowafaghian's donations are awe-inspiring. He has given more than \$45 million to B.C.'s health and education causes, including a \$6 million contribution to BC Children's Hospital Foundation to redevelop critical areas of the hospital – the largest donation ever made to the hospital by an individual. He has also supported other major initiatives at the hospital, including a \$4 million pledge in support of the hospital's campaign to build a new BC Children's Hospital.

Among his many other donations, Dr. Mowafaghian has supported the Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society, Peace Arch Community Services, Community Policing, Junior Achievement of BC, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Arts Umbrella and many more. He has made major gifts to Simon Fraser University and the University of BC.

### **James E. Ogilvie**

Jim Ogilvie has dedicated most of his life to community service in the Kimberley area.

First elected to public office in 1965, Mr. Ogilvie was one of Kimberley's original Aldermen, a position he held until his 1972 election as Mayor. With a break of only three years, Mr. Ogilvie continued in that position, serving 36 years as Mayor.

During this period, Kimberley grew from an industrial-based economy to a tourism and lifestyle economy. In 1986, the City took responsibility for Kimberley Ski Resort and later developed Trickle Creek Golf Resort, one of Canada's outstanding golf courses. The City later sold the ski resort, golf resort and other development properties to Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, which led to abundant new development in the city.

Kimberley flourished under Mr. Ogilvie's guidance, with innovative municipal developments such as Bootleg Gap Golf Course and Riverside Campground, the Rails to Trails project and Kimberley Conference and Athlete Training Centre. Mr. Ogilvie has made contributions at the regional and provincial level, serving in leadership positions on the Regional District Board, the executive of the Union of B.C. Municipalities and numerous task forces, commissions, boards and committees.

Mr. Ogilvie has been instrumental in guiding the City toward economic independence and continued prosperity. Kimberley offers a sought-after lifestyle, rich with recreational opportunities, beautiful scenery and a healthy, safe environment. Mr. Ogilvie's accomplishments are extensive and he has influenced the lives – in a positive way – of everyone lucky enough to call Kimberley home.

### **Tricia C.M. Smith, C.M.**

Tricia Smith is a role model for B.C. women. She is well-educated and has pursued her athletic passion to become a successful, elite athlete and then a sport and sport law administrator at the international level. She has been, and remains, an active volunteer both locally and internationally.

Tricia Smith is most well-known for her athletic endeavours. She excelled at rowing, having won a gold medal at the 1986 Commonwealth Games, a silver medal at the 1984 Olympics and seven other world championship medals. She has served on every possible rowing board and committee right up to the international level. She is a member of International Council of Arbitration for Sport based in Lausanne, Switzerland, senior Vice President of the Canadian Olympic Committee, a member of the Executive Committee of the International Rowing Federation, a former director of Legacies Now, and a founding member of the B.C. Advisory Council on Drugs and Sport. She was the first female board chair of Sport B.C. was on the international bid committee for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games and served as Co-Mayor of the Olympic Village in Vancouver.

Tricia Smith has received numerous awards recognizing her contribution to sport, including the Carol Anne Letheren Award for International Sport Leadership in recognition of her 30-year involvement in sport as a competitor and volunteer. Recently, in November 2011, she was invested into the Order of Canada. She was selected as Canada's Chef de Mission for the 2007 Pan American Games, received the President's Award from Rowing Canada, the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award from UBC and was a finalist for the Bruce Kidd award. In 1994, she was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame and in 2000, was inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame. She is in the UBC Sports Hall of Fame, was nominated for the B.C. Athlete of the Quarter Century, received the B.C. Premier's Athletic Award six times and the Sport Excellence Awards from the Government of Canada six times.

Tricia Smith was called to the Bar in 1986 and is now a partner and Deputy Managing Director at BarnesCraig & Associates, an adjusting and risk management firm. As with sport, Tricia became involved in her professional community, having served as a board member of the Vancouver Bar Association. She has also served as the President of the UBC Alumni Association.

Although Tricia Smith has faced personal struggles including the young deaths of both of her brothers, her mother's premature onset of dementia, and her father's paraplegia following unsuccessful back surgery, she credits her family and upbringing for her strength, perseverance and positive approach in sport, in education and in all she does in life. She holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of British Columbia.

**Dr. Robert B. Thirsk**

Robert Thirsk was a grade three student in Powell River when he first learned about the wonders of spaceflight and the career of astronaut. While listening to a classroom broadcast of John Glenn's space mission, Robert became fascinated by the notion of spaceflight and decided to become an astronaut if he ever had the chance.

After earning Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering and a Doctorate in Medicine, Robert finally had his chance. In 1983, he was one of six successful applicants to the Canadian Astronaut Program, out of 4,000 who applied.

Dr. Thirsk pursued astronaut training with his usual high standard of excellence. This training included time spent at the University of Victoria to enhance his medical skills, to conduct engineering research and to learn Russian language. He also managed to find time to obtain a Master of Business Administration degree from MIT. Dr. Thirsk's commitment to lifelong learning has been clear.

Dr. Thirsk's first space flight was aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1996. More recently in 2009, he completed a six month expedition aboard the International Space Station. On both missions, Dr. Thirsk performed leading-edge research that included fluid physics and life science experiments from Simon Fraser University.

Throughout his career, Dr. Thirsk has been a strong role model for Canadian youth. He never passes up an opportunity to encourage students in their science and math courses, and to inspire all Canadians to follow their dreams. He has helped to develop space-related curricula for schools, visited many universities to talk about his work, and even conducted live downlink interviews with students during his space missions.

He enthusiastically profiles the work of BC aboriginal artists in the space program and has incorporated pacific northwest artwork into the design of the mission patches for both of his space missions. He has been an outstanding contributor to his province and his country.