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Perry announces new College Board

Seventeen new members have been appointed to the Vancouver Community College Board of Governors, Advanced Education Minister Tom Perry told a news conference attended by about 150 people at KEC.

"You have the strongest, most diverse board ever appointed to a postsecondary institution in B.C.," said Perry. "It balances strong senior business and labour representation with highly qualified representation from the multicultural community served by Vancouver Community College. It also includes strong representation in support of VCC's diverse roles in adult basic education, English as a Second Language, literacy, trades and vocational training and academic programs."



Tom Perry announces new Board at KEC news conference.

The minister said he personally made the board announcement at VCC "to put to rest any misconceptions or concerns that the government is not fully committed to the future of Vancouver Community College."

"Despite certain financial and administrative difficulties, VCC has continued to provide quality education services as well as leadership in many areas of post-secondary education," he said.

"By working closely with VCC administration, faculty and staff, unions, students and the ministry, this board will be able to address some of the problems identified by the Lusztig and Elton

reports and the ongoing tri-partite review process."

Perry added: "We're committed to seeing that VCC becomes the flagship for institutions in other areas where people need the range of educational services that you deliver."

Remaining on the board is acting chair, Ruth Preston. She holds a Bachelor of Economics from Smith College in Massachusetts and a Master of International Management from Baylor University, Texas. She is an account manager with the

Royal Bank of Canada and has served on the VCC board since 1987.

The 18-member board now has ten women, eight men, and includes representatives of the multicultural community, the aboriginal community and persons with disabilities.

Perry responded to a question about the large size of the board by saying the ministry was presented with "an embarrassment of riches".

"We had a lot of wonderful people who wanted to serve. We felt these people were all so good that they ought to be connected with this institution."

New board members

* Vancouver resident Cenen Bagon has a Bachelor of Statistics degree from the University of the Philippines and is a senior programmer analyst with Westech Information Systems Inc. She is an active member of the Office and Technical Employees Union and Women for Better Wages.

* Pauline Coyne of Delta is a business agent for the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. She has college diplomas in accounting, and computer and data entry and is fluent in English and Chinese.

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* Barbara Hestrin of Vancouver is a licensed practical nurse with an extensive career in community health. She is the education director of the Planned Parenthood Association of B.C. She was a consultant for the National Film Board production "The Growing Up Series" and is the author of several publications on nutrition and family planning

* Stephen Huddart is a co-founder of the Alma Street Cafe, which has supported benefits for numerous arts, environmental and refugee groups. He is a successful small businessman, with involvement in issues relating to Latin America.

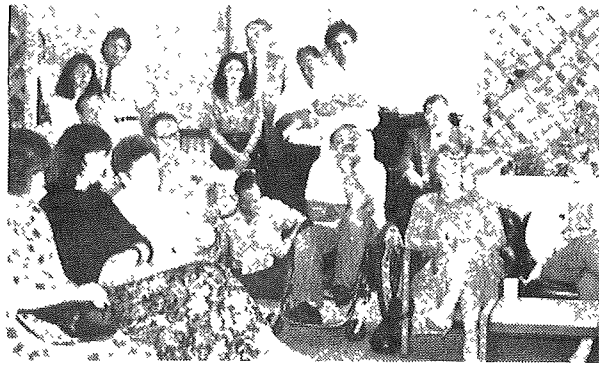
* Angela Julien is a program officer with the Public Service Commission of Canada, where she established its Visible Minority Employment Program five years ago. Julien has more than 20 years experience in social policy, including planning and development of social welfare, human rights and employment equity issues. She is retiring as president of the Social Planning and Research Council of B.C.

* Patrick Kelly is executive director of the B.C. Chapter of the Canadian Council for Native Business, which arranges internships for aboriginal business managers. Kelly completed the Native Teacher Indian Education Program at UBC.

* Vancouver resident Stephen Leary was assistant organizer with the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association. He is a former chair of the Canadian Federation of Students - Pacific Region and has been on the board of End Legislated Poverty and the B.C. Student Assistance Appeals Committee.

* Elizabeth Lee of West Vancouver is a lawyer specializing in family and immigration law. She holds an M.A. from UBC and a B.A. in Asian and Southeast Asian History from the University of Singapore. She is a chair of the Foreign Nurses Concerns Committee and is involved with the Strathcona Manpower Outreach Project, an employment agency for the Chinese community.

* Brenda Makeechak of Burnaby is a representative of the Canadian Labour Congress, a former vice-president of the CLC and vice-president of the



About 150 people attended news conference.

Saskatchewan Federation of Labour. She is involved in community and social organizations, including Amnesty International and the Canadian Day Care Advocacy Coalition.

* Margo Massie of Vancouver has a B.A. from the University of Alberta, a B.C. teaching certificate from SFU and computer training from Pearson Computer Centre. She is president of the B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities and a member of the Premier's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities.

* Chartered Accountant Robert Matthews is vice president and controller of MacMillan Bloedel in Vancouver. He is a member of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association and chairs the steering committee for the Economic Study of the Forest Industry in B.C.

* Guninder Mumick is a multicultural health education consultant with the Vancouver Health Department. She has 15 years experience in intercultural and international communications, adult education and teaching.

* Irene Policzer is a municipal planning consultant and has an M.A. in planning from UBC and a degree in architecture from the University of Chile. She is a member of the board of the B.C. Chapter of the Canadian Hispanic Congress.

* Gerald Schwartz of Vancouver is President and Chief Executive Officer of Langara Management Services Ltd. A chartered accountant, Schwartz was formerly an associate professor of the C.A. and Management program at McGill University, the Administrator of Montreal Children's Hospital, and Executive Director of the Universities Council of B.C.

* Robert Smith is minister of Shaughnessy Heights United Church and serves on the board of the Vancouver School of Theology. He holds Doctor of Divinity degrees from the University of Toronto, the University of Alberta, and the University of Charleston, and formerly was co-chair of the Roman Catholic-United Church Dialogue. He is a former moderator of the United Church of Canada.

* Paul Wagler is senior vice-president for Western Canada of ABN AMRO BANK. He has a degree in international economics and political science from Harvard University. Wagler is a former director of the Canadian Importers' Association and a fundraiser for Science World and the Vancouver General Hospital.

* Chartered Accountant Fred Yada is a partner in the Vancouver firm of Ernst & Young and president of the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation. He has served on many community boards including Family Services of Greater Vancouver, the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association and the Family and Children's Foundation of B.C.

"Outgoing members, including former chair Robert Brocklebank, are to be thanked for their valuable contributions," said Perry.

Other outgoing members are Douglas Brandes, David Camp, Vila Nova Carvalho, Alan Dilworth, John Furlong, Manzur Jamal, Diana Maughan, Robert Smith and Barbara Spitz.

Perry responded to other questions by stating that:

* The ministry has reserve funding to provide up to 90 additional FTEs "which will be allocated once we're satisfied that VCC can present a balanced budget for the coming fiscal year";

* The government is considering some form of an elected board in the future, but that the earliest possible change to the Colleges Act could not come before the spring of 1993,

* He plans to spend a day at VCC in late June as his first "official" visit to the college.