

ASTTBC Council Public Rep Appointed Order of BC

On July 31, 2013, Lt. Gov. Judith Guichon announced the name of 13 British Columbians who will receive the Order of British Columbia. One of those appointed is Wendy Grant-John, Public Representative on the ASTTBC Council.

“The Order of British Columbia recognizes remarkable accomplishments by extraordinary British Columbians,” said Premier Christy Clark. “This year’s recipients have each made a difference in their communities and to the province.”

Wendy Grant-John has contributed through leadership, economic development, legal, social and cultural means for more than 30 years. When she served as chief of the Musqueam First Nation, she launched the first Aboriginal commercial fishery in Canada and helped the Musqueam achieve two landmark Supreme Court cases that solidified Aboriginal Rights in the Constitution.

Wendy was the first woman elected regional chief of the Assembly of First Nations and served as commissioner of the Pacific Salmon Commission. She is a founding member and director of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, and has worked on the Big Sisters mentoring program for First Nations women.

Wendy Grant-John is a sitting member of the Chief and Council for the Musqueam Indian Band. She is chair of the Minister’s Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women, which provides advice to the B.C. government on improving the lives of Aboriginal women. Her many awards include an honorary doctor of laws from Royal Roads University in 2003 and an honorary doctor of laws from Simon Fraser University in 2011.

“ASTTBC congratulates Wendy on this well deserved recognition” said Executive Director John Leech, AScT, CAE. “Wendy is a dedicated representative for not only the First Nations and ASTTBC, but for all British Columbians.”

The Order of British Columbia investiture ceremony will be held for recipients and invited guests at Government House in Victoria sometime in the fall.