

CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL OVERVIEW

Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland

North Saanich, British Columbia

September 2022

Biographical Summary:

A Chartered Professional Accountant with more than 30 years of public service experience and 15 years of senior executive experience as a Deputy Minister, Associate Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister with the British Columbia Government. Her experience is diverse and includes a mix of ministries operations, crown agencies and central agencies covering areas such as: Finance, Information Management, Human Resources, Shared Corporate Services, Transportation, Environment and Education. Cheryl was appointed British Columbia's 1st Chief Records Officer in 2015 a post she held until her departure from the BC public service in 2017. Cheryl was the 1st woman appointed as British Columbia's Comptroller General, a role she held from 2006 to 2010. She is the founder and principle of Savoir Faire: Management Consulting for Organizational Excellence.

A very experienced board and committee member with more than 15 years of diverse experience. Cheryl recently completed her terms as a board member and treasurer of the Health Data Coalition of BC. Here she was chair of the audit and finance committee and member of the governance committee. She is a former board member of the Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and former commissioner of the Financial Institutions Commission of British Columbia. She is also a former member of the board of the Justice Institute of British Columbia, where she was a member of the governance committee and chair of the audit and finance committee and has participate in several other board and committee roles.

As the Associate Deputy Minister of Finance, she was responsible for the Crown Agency Resource Office the provincial agency responsible for oversight of British Columbia's crown agencies. Key achievements included defining a common set of principles and corporate wide accountability approach that was resilient and dynamic enough to reach across diverse organizations while supporting alignment and delivery on key priorities. She also led several significant BC crown agency performance reviews, identifying opportunities for improvement, providing advice and recommendations to both the Minister responsible and the Agencies' board of directors, such as Partnerships BC, BC Hydro, BC Transit, BC Ferries, Translink, ICBC, BC Assessment Authority and BC Lotteries.

As the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education there was a strong focus on evolving the education system and a strong commitment to building successful relationships and community engagement. The efforts identified shared interests and established a co-creative approach to successfully pursue shared goals. The success of these initiatives was the result of significant effort and time to building understand and relationships, including those with First Nations. Examples Cheryl is most proud of include:

- BC's [Aboriginal post-secondary education and training policy framework and action plan 2020 vision for the future](#) (June 2012)
- [British Columbia's International Education Strategy](#) (2012)

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- As the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, she supported her team is working collaboratively with the Ministry of Health and the UBC Faculty of Medicine to consider workforce needs for the Health Care system. A key initiative pursued by the joint teams was the development and establishment of securing of provincial funding for Canada's 1st distributed medical education program. The belief being that if doctors were trained in community they would stay and practice in community.

Cheryl was awarded a fellowship from the Chartered Professional Accountants for her leadership within the accounting profession and distinction in her public service career. In 2010 she was recognized by the British Columbia Chief Financial Officers Council for her Exceptional Leadership. As a member of the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board [Conceptual Framework](#) Taskforce, Cheryl continues to work at the national level to effect strong standards for public sector accounting, reporting and auditing and is a very active member within her accounting profession. She recently completed her term as member of CPABC membership regulatory committee and is a financial literacy volunteer with the Charter Professional Accountants of Canada.

Career highlights:

2018-2021: Principle and Owner, Savoir Faire: Consulting for Organizational Excellence, Chartered Professional Accountant and Management Consultant, BC

2013-2017: Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, Province of BC

2011-2013: Deputy Minister, Advanced Education Innovation and Technology, Province of BC

2010-2011: Associate Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office, Province of BC

2006-2010: Comptroller General, Province of BC, Ministry of Finance

2004-2006: Assistant Deputy Ministry of Corporate and Ministry Support Services and Executive Financial Officer, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Citizen Services, Ministry of Labour, the BC Public Service Agency, the Premier's Office and Intergovernmental Affairs, Province of BC

2002-2003: Chief (Senior) Financial Officer and Executive Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Ministry of Finance and the Premiers Office, Ministry of Management Services, Ministry of Labour and the BC Public Service Agency, Province of BC

2001-2003: Manager Audit Practices and Program Development, Internal Audit and Advisory Services, Ministry of Finance, Province of BC and Audit Manager for the Ministries of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Attorney General, Ministry of Finance, Province of BC

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1999-2001: Internal Audit Project Leader, Internal Audit and Advisory Services, Ministry of Finance, Province of BC and Senior Internal Auditor, Internal Audit and Advisory Services, Ministry of Finance, Province of BC

1991-1999: Progressive Financial Roles, moving from junior accountant to Treasury Analyst and Senior Accountant, BC Transit, Province of BC

1990-1991: Computer and Library Resource Assistant, Claremont Secondary, School District 63, Saanich, BC

1985-1990: Office Assistant and Library Technician, progressive rolls, Legislative Library, Province of BC

Current board & committee memberships:

Member, Departmental Audit Committee, Correctional Services Canada

Member, Conceptual Framework Taskforce, Public Sector Accounting Standards Board, CPA Canada

Past board & committee memberships:

Member, Membership Regulatory Committee, Chartered Professional Accountants of BC

Member and Secretary Treasurer, Health Data Coalitions of British Columbia

Chair, Finance and Audit Committee, Health Data Coalition of British Columbia (includes Risk Management)

Member, Governance and Engagement Committees, Health Data Coalition of British Columbia

Member Cross Government Internal Audit Committee, Ministry of Finance, Province of BC

Commissioner (Deputy Designate) Financial Institutions Commission, Province of BC

Member, Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation, Province of BC

Chair, Capital Project Board, Emily Carr University of Art and Design Campus, Province of BC

Member, Capital Project Board, Wood Innovation Design Centre, Province of BC

Member, BC International Education Council

Chair, Finance and Audit Committee, Justice Institute of BC

Member, Governance Committee, Justice Institute of BC

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Chair, PSAB/Senior Government Working Group on Conceptual Framework

Member, Taxation Revenue Taskforce, Public Sector Accounting Standards Board, CPA Canada

Member, Financial Management Institute - Victoria Chapter

Chair, British Columbia Public Sector Chief Financial Officers Council

Member, Government Not-For-Profit Initiative – Steering Committee, Province of BC

Member and Treasurer, Keating Home and School Association

Treasurer, Sunday School, Shady Creek United Church

Member, CFO Network: Conference Board of Canada - Planning Advisory Committee

Member, Institute of Internal Auditors - Vancouver Chapter - Victoria Program

Education & accreditation:

High School Diploma, 1983, Stellys Secondary; Central Saanich, BC

Various Office Procedures and Typing courses, 1984, Camosun College; Victoria, BC

Business Administration (Accounting Transfer Credits) 1991, Camosun College; Victoria, BC

Associate Accounting Technologist Diploma 1994, Certified Management Accountants Society of BC; Vancouver, BC

Chartered Professional Accountant, previously - Certified Management Professional Accounting Designation (CMA) - Strategic Leadership Program 1998, Certified Management Accountants Society of BC; Vancouver, BC

Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants, Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA, FCMA) Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, 2015 and the Certified Management Accountants, Strategic Management Certificate Program 2017, Chartered Professional Accountants of BC

Master of Arts Degree in Global Leadership, 2022, Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC

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Awards:

Team: The Ministry of Finance APEX award for Operational Excellence Award: Overall productivity of the BC public service regarding public information management and processing of access requests (2016)

Team: BC Public Service Award High Level of Employee Engagement in a Large Ministry, Ministry of Finance, Province of BC (2016)

Personal: Chartered Professional Accountant Fellowship (FCPA, FCMA) reaffirmed and awarded in recognition of leadership within the accounting profession and distinction in my public service career (2007 & 2015)

Team: Finalists in the BC Premier's Regional Awards for Innovation and Excellence. Advanced Education - Student Aid BC for innovation and client centric application design (2013).

Personal: British Columbia Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Council – Recognition for Exceptional Leadership and Outstanding Contributions to the British Columbia Financial Community as the Chair of the CFO Council (2010).

Team: The Ministry of Finance APEX award for Performance Excellence received for the effective approach to the strategic program and performance review by Internal Audit (2010).

Team: Public Service Agency Deputy Minister Award for Excellence for Partnership, Design and Implementation of New Public Sector Procurement Training Program (2007).