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Mayor Rob Douglas District of Cowichan Valley

Dear Mayor:

## Order of British Columbia ~ 2023 Call for Nominations

"It's important to celebrate and recognize individuals who are making a profound difference in the lives of British Columbians. If you know someone who is deserving of the province's highest honour, nominate them today."

-Premier David Eby

Nominations for the province's highest honour, the Order of British Columbia, are now being accepted. This prestigious honour recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, excellence or distinction in a field of endeavour benefiting the people of the province or elsewhere. I would be grateful if you could please share information about the Order widely in your community and with stakeholder groups.

Nomination forms for the Order are available <u>online</u> or by emailing the Honours and Awards Secretariat at <u>bchonoursandawards@gov.bc.ca</u>. The nomination deadline has been extended to **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**. Submissions received after this date will be considered in 2024.

Nominations are reviewed by an independent Advisory Council chaired by the Chief Justice of British Columbia. The Council also includes the President of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. To date, 475 distinguished British Columbians have been appointed to the Order.

In addition to the Order of B.C., you may also nominate individuals for the province's other honour, the Medal of Good Citizenship. This medal recognizes citizens for their exceptional long-term service, and contributions to their **communities** without expectation of remuneration or reward. The medal reflects their generosity, service, acts of selflessness and contributions to community life. With the recent wildfire and flooding events in this last year there may be people in your community whom you wish to nominate for this honour. Nominations are accepted year-round and the nomination form can be found <u>here</u>.

Your leadership in recognizing deserving citizens in your community and promoting the Order of B.C. and Medal of Good Citizenship are very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Lucy Lobmeier Honours and Awards Secretariat

