



Elizabeth Cull

Elizabeth Cull is a former BC Cabinet minister who has most recently worked as a consultant providing strategic advice to companies, organizations, local governments and First Nations on BC government policies and priorities.

Elizabeth was elected to the Legislature in 1989 in the riding of Oak Bay-Gordon Head. Re-elected in 1991, she served as Minister of Health, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations. As Minister of Health, Elizabeth initiated a series of health care reforms known as “Closer to Home” intended to make health care more accessible and accountable to the public which started BC down the road to regional health authorities. Other significant initiatives included legalizing midwifery and ensuring that elected hospital boards could not determine what reproductive health services women could access, something that was common prior to 1991.

As Finance Minister, Elizabeth put in place policies and made budgetary decisions that advanced the economic independence of women. She also ensured the provincial budget supported land acquisitions to reach the goal of having 12% of BC’s land base protected for future generations.

After leaving elected office in 1996, Elizabeth started her own consulting firm, assisting private and public sector organizations to understand the public policy process. In 2001, she returned to political life as Chief of Staff to BC Premier Dosanjh.

Elizabeth has taught leadership, systems thinking, and public policy part-time at Royal Roads University. She served on the faculty of the United Way of the Lower Mainland’s Public Policy Institute for ten years where she assisted non-profit organizations make effective presentations to decision-makers. Elizabeth is active in her community as Chair of the Burnside Gorge Community Association, and a regular commentator on provincial politics for CBC radio.

Before entering provincial politics, Elizabeth was a community planner for the BC government, a school trustee and an elected member of the BC Government Employees’ Union. She has a BA in Urban Studies from York University, an MA in Community and

Regional Planning from UBC, and a Diploma in French Language from the University of Victoria.