

Committeeship

	Private Committee	Public Guardian
Appointment type	Court order (must hire a lawyer and file an application with the Supreme Court of BC)	Via the health authority (no court order required)
Typical decision-maker for committee of person	Person (typically an adult child)	PGT only
Typical decision-maker for committee of estate	Person, trust company, or credit union	PGT only
Role of PGT	Monitors and reviews the activities of private committees and investigates neglect and/or abuse as required	Committee (decision-maker)
Extent of power:	• Requires 2 physicians to state incapability • Expensive • Takes up to a year to complete • Difficult to reverse	• Requires 2 physicians to state incapability • Expensive • The PGT can refuse the role of committee of estate if the adult has limited funds (as fees are incurred) • Takes up to a year to complete • Difficult to reverse