

GIFTS OF REGISTERED PLANS (RRSPs, RRIFs, TFSAs OR PENSIONS)

Through a designation of your RRSP, RRIF, TFSAs or pension plan to BC Cancer Foundation, your estate will realize significant tax savings. At the same time, the gift allows you to make a substantial difference in the lives of those served by the BC Cancer Foundation.

What's in a Name?

When including a gift to the BC Cancer Foundation in any registered plan, it is extremely important that you use our correct legal name: **BC Cancer Foundation**. Changing even one word in the name of a charity, can lead to confusion with the donation and even problems in the administration of your estate. To avoid this, please make sure you use our full legal name when making your gift.

Legal Name: BC Cancer Foundation | Registration Number: 11881 8434 RR0001

Here is an example of how this works:

Ms. Martin died on August 1st. Her net income was \$200,000 and she owned a \$150,000 RRSP. The following illustration shows the tax benefits to Ms. Martin's estate when she named the BC Cancer Foundation as the beneficiary of her RRSP.

	NO DESIGNATION	BC CANCER FOUNDATION DESIGNATED AS BENEFICIARY
Ordinary income	200,000	200,000
RRSP income	150,000	150,000
Taxable income	350,000	350,000
Donation tax credit	n/a	80,250
Tax Payable @ 53.5% (BC)	187,250	107,000
Estate retains	162,750	93,000
Charity receives	0	150,000
Total to estate and BC Cancer Foundation	\$162,750	\$243,000

In the above example, Ms. Martin saved her estate \$80,250 in income tax and, at the same time, contributed \$150,000 to the BC Cancer Foundation.

Why name a charity as a beneficiary of your plan?

Generally, the funds remaining in your RRSP or RRIF at death are included in your taxable income, unless you transfer them to your spouse. This means that your estate will have to pay income tax on all these funds. And only the after-tax amount will be transferred to your intended beneficiaries.

Designating the BC Cancer Foundation as a beneficiary directly in your RRSP, RRIF, TFSAs or pension plan will save your estate not only in income taxes but also in probate tax payable. And the administration of the gift is typically much simpler and quicker than a bequest made through a will.

How to designate the BC Cancer Foundation as a Beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF, TFSAs or Pension:

Naming the BC Cancer Foundation, as a beneficiary of your plan is easy. Simply contact the financial institution and ask for a beneficiary designation form. Staff at the BC Cancer Foundation will work with you and your advisor to help ensure that your wishes are carried out.

To get the best plan for you, we recommend that you consult your tax, legal and financial advisors before finalizing your estate plan.

The above information is general in nature and is not intended as legal or tax advice. We can help you support cancer research and care in British Columbia by working with you and your financial and legal professional advisors.