

## Canada Bulgaria Parliamentary Friendship Group

## News Release

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## CANADA BULGARIA PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP CELEBRATES BULGARIA'S PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

**VANCOUVER, BC** – Canada Bulgaria Parliamentary Friendship Group (CBPFG), along with Honorary Consul of Bulgaria in Vancouver, Mr. Ron Suh, and with the kind assistance of Bulgarian-Canadian Society of BC, celebrated the Republic of Bulgaria's 2018 Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The reception was attended by members of the diplomatic corps, dignitaries and the Bulgarian community of British Columbia.

"I am honoured to serve as the new Honorary Consul of the Republic of Bulgaria in Vancouver, in support of the Bulgarian Canadian community of BC. During this critical time for Europe, the Bulgarian Presidency will provide a positive and united force. I sincerely congratulate the Republic of Bulgaria on this important milestone," said Honorary Consul Ron Byong G. Suh.

In January 2018, the Republic of Bulgaria assumes the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the required six-month term. The Presidency's primary responsibilities are planning and chairing meetings in the Council and its preparatory bodies, and representing the Council in relations with other EU institutions. This role gives Bulgaria a unique and important position in the functioning of the European Union.

"We wish to congratulate the Republic of Bulgaria on this momentous occasion. Bulgaria has been a valuable partner to Canada and its Presidency of the Council of the European Union will further foster the robust relationship that Canada has with all the member states of the European Union. We wish Bulgaria a successful tenure and look forward to strengthening Canada-Bulgaria and Canada-European relations," stated Co-Chairs Senator Yonah Martin and MP Joe Peschisolido.

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