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OPENING OF SURREY PASSPORT OFFICE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced the opening of a new regional passport office in Surrey, British Columbia.

The Surrey Passport Office is the first of five new passport offices scheduled to open across the country in 1992 to provide service to Canadians and to offset the requirement for increased personal appearance of adult applicants.

The office is located in Room 405, Guildford Landmark Building, 15127-100th Avenue, Surrey.

There are now 24 passport offices across Canada to provide personal service. Additional regional offices will open in Ontario and Quebec later this year.

The opening of this new office is part of a number of passport office security enhancement measures announced by Mrs. McDougall in December of last year.

Some of these measures include increased personal appearance of the applicant, retention of proof of citizenship while the application is being processed and a review of the list of guarantors eligible to endorse applications.

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