



GOVERNMENT
HOUSE
BRITISH COLUMBIA

RUDI'S TEA ROOM

Soup of the Day GF

Fresh made Government House Garden Influenced Soup
Served with a Bun & Butter

\$8

Government House Cornish Pasty

\$12

Braised Leeks, Onion, Potato, Swede, Roasted Portobello,
Vegetarian Umami Jus, Parsley

Indian Inspired Chopped Salad GF/V

\$14

Cucumber, Pickled Red Onion, Cherry Tomato, Radish,
Carrot, Gem Lettuce, Chickpeas, Mint,
Curry Mango Vinaigrette

Add Tandoori Spiced Chicken Breast

\$7

Garden Vegetable Quiche GF

Roasted Zucchini, Asparagus, Maitake, Camelized Onion,
Mt Moriarty Gruyere, Parmesan, Fresh Thyme Royale

\$16

Herb Brined Pork Loin Sandwich

\$18

Roasted Jalapeno Chimichurri, Crispy Pancetta, Fontina,
Tomato, Arugula, Hoagie Bun

Rosemary Slow Roasted Beef Sandwich

Slow Roasted AAA Beef, Confit Garlic & Rosemary Aioli,
Tomato, Smokehouse Cheddar, Hickory Sticks,
Pretzel Baguette

\$18

Government House Breakfast Sandwich

\$14

Herbed Egg Roulade, Housemade Fennel Sausage,
Watercress, Roasted Tomato & Pepper Relish,
Croissant Bun

Choice of Soup or Salad with Lemon Herb Vinaigrette

Housemade Scones

Choice of Cinnamon Apricot & Pistachio or
a Traditional Sugared, Chantilly Cream, Preserves

\$7

Drunken Apple Lemon Cheesecake

\$9

Apple Vanilla Bean & Whisky Compote,
Graham Crumb Crumble, Chantilly Cream

Government House Carrot Cake

Carrot & Navy Rum-Soaked Raisins,
Garden Lavender Scented Cream Cheese Icing, Fresh Berries

\$9

Mini Strawberry Rhubarb Charlotte GF

\$9

Strawberry Mousse, Rhubarb Vanilla Compote,
Gluten free Sponge, Fresh Strawberries, Chantilly Cream

Drink Menu

Housemade Lime, Cranberry
& Vanilla Iced Tea

\$7

Canterbury Tundra Blended Coffee

\$5

Housemade Matcha
& Strawberry Lemonade

\$7

Canterbury Tempest Decaf Coffee

\$5

Housemade Sweetened Iced Coffee

\$7

Pot of Tea

\$6

Farming Karma Hydr8 Soda

Sparkling Watermelon, Sparkling Blood Orange
Sparkling Strawberry Lemonade or Sparkling Grape

\$6

Earth Spring Water Bottle 473ml

\$5

All Prices are Exclusive of Taxes

Rudi's Biography

Rudi Hoenson was a lifelong philanthropist, veteran, and dear friend of Government House.



As a Dutch World War II veteran, Rudi was drafted to serve in the Dutch Armed Forces at 18. Captured in 1942, he spent three and a half years in a prisoner of war camp in Japan, where he witnessed the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki. Despite this terrifying ordeal, the experience only served to inspire his generous spirit.

After emigrating to Canada in 1951, Rudi married Sylvia Mae, a school teacher from Saskatchewan, in 1956, and moved to Victoria in 1979. After the loss of Sylvia to cancer in 2008, Rudi turned to philanthropy, and throughout his life supported myriad causes, including the Victoria Foundation, Royal Jubilee Hospital, BC Children's Hospital, the BC Cancer Foundation, and the Lodge at Broadmead.

Rudi's support and love for Government House left a permanent impact for all visitors to the grounds to enjoy. His first contributions helped build fences around the rose gardens, protecting them from deer and allowing the flowers to flourish.

He also loved visiting the Tea Room and was frequently seen there chatting with the volunteers. Rudi so enjoyed his time at the Tea Room, he wished for others to experience the same. His donations allowed Government House to expand the facility, including the sun deck, a dishwasher, and, eventually, the expansion of the main Tea Room space. His contributions were so extensive that the Tea Room was renamed in his honour.

Rudi could often be seen "holding court" at the Tea Room with his many friends and admirers. He always celebrated his birthday at the Tea Room, enjoying cake and coffee, and, when in residence, a visit from the Lieutenant Governor.

Please scan for a map of Government House gardens

