



Carole James

Carole James served as Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier of British Columbia from 2017 to 2020, Leader of the Official Opposition from 2005-2010, and Member of the Legislature for Victoria Beacon Hill from 2005-2020.

She has been recognized for her work and leadership through her many elected appointments, locally, provincially, and nationally, serving in elected roles for over 25 years.

Ms. James was Director of Child Care Policy in the government of BC, Director for Child and Family Services at Carrier Sekani Family Services, and Coordinator for Northern Aboriginal Authority for Families. Her public service has included National Democratic Institute Election Missions in Morocco, Algeria, and Georgia.

Active in her community, she was Chair of the Greater Victoria School Board, President of the BC School Trustees Association, and First and Second Vice President of the Canadian School Boards Association.

Ms. James is an honorary life member of the Vancouver Island Cooperative Preschool Association and the B.C. School Trustees Association and served as a foster parent for over 20 years for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Since retiring from elected politics in Dec 2020, Ms. James continues her commitment to public service, serving as a board member on the Royal BC Museum Board, a board member for INBC Investment Corporation, and as a member of the Government of Canada Task Force on Women in the Economy.



Dana Hayden

Dana is Chair of the Board of Infrastructure B.C. and a Director on the Boards of TimberWest and Mosaic Forest Management where she also chairs the Safety, Health & Stewardship Committee. She is also a Director on the Board of the BC Parks Foundation. Dana is also vice chair of the SFU Beedie School of Business Advisory Committee, the Fraser Basin Council Sustainability Solutions Fund Advisory Committee, the Institute of Corporate Directors Victoria Executive, and is a faculty member with the United Way Public Policy Institute.

Dana provides consulting services to a variety of public and private corporations in strategic and business planning, natural resource development, public infrastructure development and governance.

Dana served in the British Columbia public sector for 30 years during which she held 6 Deputy Minister positions in natural resource and economic portfolios and the Premier's office.

Dana was also President & CEO of three crown corporations - BC Pavilion Corporation, Destination BC and the BC Lottery Corporation. Dana has a B.Sc. in Forest Science, a M.Sc. in Natural Resource Economics, and is a Chartered Director (C. Dir).

Dana was inducted into Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women Hall of Fame in 2016, is a Diversity 50 awardee, and received the Vancouver Influential Women in Business award in 2014.



Ruth Wittenberg

Ruth Wittenberg was appointed President of the BC Association of Institutes + Universities in January 2010. This Association represents a group of public post-secondary institutions that offer a range of post-secondary education, ranging from trades and technical training to masters degrees in specialty areas. The role of the President is to provide counsel to members on strategies and approaches to government to represent members points of view on policy, legislation, or other actions; coordinate research and develop information material to support members views, or as a response to government requests; forecast and evaluate the effects of public policy on members and keep them informed of developments Ms. Wittenberg has a BA from the University of Victoria (1979).

Prior to her current position, Ms. Wittenberg was employed by the British Columbia Public Service from 1981 until she assumed the role of the BC Association of Institutes + Universities President.

Ms. Wittenberg has held positions in the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development (Assistant Deputy Minister, Post Secondary Education Division), Ministry of Education (Assistant Deputy Minister, Management Services Division), the Ministry of Human Resources (Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Services), the Ministry of Finance (Chief Information Officer), the Ministry of Transportation (Manager, Financial Systems and Policy), and at Treasury Board Staff (analyst).

In addition to her current role at BCAIU, Ms. Wittenberg is a member of the Law Society of BC Hearing Panel pool, and a member of the BC Assessment Authority Board.



Jim Rutkowski

With more than two decades experience in communications, public policy, and government relations, Jim Rutkowski has a unique breadth of expertise and insight into the challenges and opportunities facing the private, public, and non-profit sectors.

Jim has served in a variety of senior political roles including Chief of Staff to BC Opposition Leader, now Finance Minister, Carole James and Principal Secretary to Alberta Premier, Rachel Notley. Jim has also worked extensively in government relations sector in British Columbia.

Over his career, Jim has developed a deep appreciation of how governments approach decisions and how best to constructively engage decision makers, particularly when it comes to successfully navigating the complexities of British Columbia's political landscape. He has also overseen the development and execution of major and impactful communications and public relations campaigns across a wide range of issues.



Ginger Gosnell-Myers

Ginger Gosnell-Myers, from the Nisga'a and Kwakwak'awakw Nations is passionate about advancing Indigenous rights and knowledge through public policy and engagement processes. Truth is the pathway to reconciliation, and her award-winning projects have broken down barriers while co-creating new approaches for systemic change.

In November 2019, Ginger was appointed as the first Indigenous Fellow with the Simon Fraser University Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue. This appointment reflects her distinguished achievements as a thought leader and practitioner who brings a deep understanding of urban Indigenous issues, years of practice in bridging Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities in developing public policy, and a passion for innovating new engagement processes that advance the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Ginger's fellowship will focus on Decolonization and Urban Indigenous Policy and Planning and builds upon the 20+ years she has in this field.

Ginger is featured in the inspirational book: *Notes from Canada's Young Activists: A Generation Stands up for Change* (2007). In 2012 as part of the CBC documentary series "8th Fire", Ginger was highlighted and profiled for her views on Indigenous issues and relations in Canada. She has delivered a TedX Talk - 'Canadian Shame: A history of Residential Schools', and a Walrus Talk - 'Who do you think we are'.



Andrea Reimer

Andrea is a long-time community organizer on issues of social, economic, and environmental justice. In 2002 she was elected to the Vancouver School Board – a first for the Green Party in Canada. In 2008 she co-chaired Gregor Robertson's successful nomination campaign and subsequently ran with Vision Vancouver for City Council, won and went on to serve three terms.

As Vancouver's first permanent Deputy Mayor she took the lead on many transformative policy initiatives including the bold plan to make Vancouver the world's Greenest City, the first municipal reconciliation initiative in Canada and the ground-breaking Engaged City Task Force. Andrea has been recognized with several awards for her work on City Council including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award and the World Green Building Council Chairman's Award.

In 2018, Andrea was awarded a Loeb Fellowship at Harvard for her civic leadership. Upon returning to Vancouver she served as the first ever Policy Practitioner Fellow at UBC's School of Public Policy and

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Global Affairs. She was subsequently appointed an Adjunct Professor of Practice, teaching power literacy and connecting future policy makers to practice. She also teaches public engagement at SFU.

She continues to contribute to public debate as a commentator, columnist and public speaker, and contribute to policy-making as a Board member at Translink and chair of Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Independent Consultation and Engagement Panel. In fall of 2020, Andrea established Tawâw Strategies to provide strategic advice to governments, organizations and mission-driven businesses acting with uncommon courage on the biggest problems of our times.

Andrea has volunteered on boards ranging from credit unions to farmers markets to UBC. Her current appointments include the World Future Council, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, City Studio and the Winch Institute. She loves to learn new things and over the past couple of years has taken up way too many new hobbies.