

Meet Carole James



Carole James served as Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier of the Government of British Columbia from 2017 to 2020, Leader of the Official Opposition from 2005-2009, and Member of the Legislative Assembly 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.

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

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.

In the spring of 2022, Ms. James received the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University Of Victoria.

In her retirement from political office, she continues her commitment to public service. She is currently serving on the Boards of the Royal BC Museum, and INBC, a BC Crown Corporation, and is Faculty Lead for the United Way Public Policy Institute.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2020, Carole values and utilizes the supports offered by the Victoria Parkinson's Wellness Project, and serves on their board.