

Meet 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 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.