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Meet 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.