

BACKGROUND
2003 Order of British Columbia

Dr. Geoffrey Ballard
Vancouver

Geoffrey Ballard is acknowledged worldwide as the father of the fuel-cell industry. One of the founders of Ballard Power Systems in 1979, his vision was to create an alternative non-polluting source of energy. In 1993, the world's first hydrogen-fuel-cell-powered, zero-emission transit bus was introduced at Science World in Vancouver. He retired as chair of the company in 1997 and, two years later, formed a company called General Hydrogen Corporation to provide energy-delivery technologies, systems and infrastructures for fuel-cell vehicles and devices. He has numerous publications and patents to his credit, has been granted honorary degrees from six Canadian universities and is a Member of the Order of Canada.

Irving K. Barber
Delta

Ike Barber is one of B.C.'s pre-eminent foresters, entrepreneurs and business leaders. He is also a generous benefactor who gave \$900,000 to the University of Northern British Columbia to endow a forestry research chair and build a forestry laboratory, and \$2.5 million to UBC to establish a diabetes research chair. Barber received the Forest Excellence Award in Communications for his book, *The Working Forest*. He also received the Distinguished Forester of the Year Award, and the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award to recognize the building of his company into one of North America's most successful forest companies. In 2002, he was granted an honorary doctor of laws by the University of Northern British Columbia.

Peter M. Brown
Vancouver

Peter Brown founded Canaccord Capital in 1968, built it into the largest independent investment company in Canada and played a vital role in financing hundreds of B.C. businesses. While he was chairman of the University of British Columbia, his conviction resulted in the university's most successful fundraising campaign to date. Brown served as chair of the B.C. Enterprise Corp. and B.C. Place Corp. and was part of a team that oversaw the development of B.C. Place Pavilion. He was also chair of the Vancouver Stock Exchange and is on the board of trustees for The Fraser Institute.

Dr. Rose Charlie

Agassiz

Rose Charlie belongs to the Chehalis Band in the Sto:lo Nation, is a member of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs and was named the Grand Chief of B.C. Charlie founded the Indian Homemakers Association of British Columbia and the National Indian Brotherhood, now the Assembly of First Nations, and the B.C. Association of Non-status Indians. She helped restore Indian status to over 16,000 women and 46,000 first-generation children of mixed ancestry. Charlie also helped found two of the most important Native women's groups in Canada, the National Association of Indian Rights for Indian Women and the Native Women's Association of Canada. In 1989, Charlie received an honorary doctor of laws from UBC.

Debra Foxcroft

Port Alberni

Over the past 30 years, Debra Foxcroft has led advancements in aboriginal child welfare. As a consultant and chair of the Vancouver Island Aboriginal Transition Team, she is spearheading a new model of child welfare. Foxcroft developed and directed the first delegated First Nations child and family service in British Columbia, serving the Nuu-chah-Nulth Tribal Council. Foxcroft co-ordinated a valuable Indian Child and Family Services Standards Project on culturally appropriate standards, which has been used nationwide. She chaired the First Nations Summit Child Welfare Committee for nine years, providing strong leadership and negotiating on behalf of the Chiefs engaged in the Treaty Process.

Chief James Hart

Vancouver

Jim Hart is a Haida artist and master carver from the Queen Charlotte Islands whose works are in private and public collections worldwide. He started apprenticing over 20 years ago with Haida carvers Robert Davidson and Bill Reid. Hart's commissions include the royal family in Sweden, clients in Canada and the United States, the Museum of Anthropology at UBC, as well as restoring an old Haida pole for the Smithsonian in New York City. He has had solo exhibitions in Vancouver and Singapore and set up a booth in the Louvre in Paris with other international artisans. In 1999, he became hereditary chief of the Eagle Clan of Haida Gwaii.

Edgar Kaiser Jr.

Vancouver

Edgar Kaiser is a businessman and philanthropist whose generosity has benefited hospitals, sports facilities, libraries, the arts, education, medical research and social service and community groups. He founded and endowed the Kaiser Foundation which is committed to assisting those who face the challenges of addiction. The foundation has published The Directory of Addiction Services, now in its ninth edition, and Step By Step: A Prevention Handbook on Alcohol and Other Drug Use, which has helped communities implement child and youth prevention programs. Flying a BA3 800 jet aircraft around the world to raise public awareness on drug and alcohol abuse, he established a world record for round-the-world speed and distances between the seven refuelling points for aircraft in the class involved.

Trevor Linden

Vancouver

Trevor Linden's career as an NHL hockey player and humanitarian has been remarkable. Trevor frequently visits B.C.'s Children's Hospital and is a supporter and spokesperson for the Canadian Cancer Society and the Cancer Society Lottery of Hope, and Canuck Place, a hospice for terminally ill children. Linden has started a program for underprivileged children called Trevor's Captain's Crew, which brings children by limousine to a free hockey game complete with a luxury suite at GM Place. In 1997, he was awarded the King Clancy Trophy for his leadership role and off-ice humanitarian contributions, and the Gillette World Champion Award as the Canadian athlete who best exemplifies excellence in sports and compassion and humanitarianism off the ice.

Roy Quock Quon Mah

Vancouver

Roy Mah was among the first Chinese-Canadians to volunteer to fight for Canada in World War II. In 1953, Chinatown News – the magazine he founded, edited and published for 42 years – was the first and only English-language publication for Canadian-born Chinese. He was invited by Prime Minister Trudeau to join the 30-member Canadian press corps on the first-ever state visit to China in 1974. Mah organized the first public celebration of Chinese New Year in 1963. He sat on the board of the Vancouver Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society when it planned and built the park in Chinatown.

Harry McWatters

Summerland

Harry McWatters is credited with building B.C.'s wine industry into the award-winning, internationally recognized industry it is today. In 1979, McWatters and a partner formed B.C.'s first estate winery in Summerland. His contributions to B.C. are immeasurable: jobs, VQA wine, tourists and a shift in agricultural dynamics in the Okanagan Valley. He has won numerous awards as a winemaker and marketer, including Wine of the Wine in the All Canada Wine Competition and Top Winery of the Year from the Globe and Mail, plus the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and an honorary doctor of laws from Okanagan University College.

P.K. Page

Victoria

Patricia Kathleen (P.K.) Page is one of this country's outstanding writers and poets. She has published over 20 books and long been recognized internationally. In 2001, her poem Planet Earth was selected by the United Nations as a centrepiece of a year-long Dialogue Among Civilizations Through Poetry for international broadcast by satellite. Her paintings are less well-known, signed with her married name of Irwin. Her art hangs in permanent collections at the National Gallery, and in the art galleries of Ontario, Vancouver, Victoria and Windsor. Among her awards are: six honorary doctorates; Officer of the Order of Canada, 1977; Companion of the Order of Canada, 1999; and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002.

Jack Poole

Vancouver

Jack Poole founded Daon Development Corp. in B.C., which became the second-largest real estate investment and development company in North America. Poole is now chairman of the board for a second company he founded, Concert Properties. He is also partner in and/or owner of 17 private businesses in Canada and the United States. Poole helped bring the Molson Indy race to Vancouver and is currently chairman and CEO of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Bid Corp. He is a charter member of the Wall of Fame at the University of Saskatchewan and has been profiled in Maclean's, Canadian Business, the Wall Street Journal and major newspapers in Canada and the United States.

Dallas Murray Richards

Vancouver

Dal Richards has been a musician and bandleader for over 65 years. His band played at the Hotel Vancouver's Panorama Roof for over 25 years, the longest running dance band engagement in Canadian history, and was featured in over 2,000 coast-to-coast CBC Radio broadcasts. Richards contributed to and enhanced the careers of six generations of British Columbia's finest musicians. Richards received Tourism Vancouver's Man of the Year award in 1985 and is a member of the B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame. In 1993, he was given the Variety Club of B.C.'s highest honour, the Heart Award, and Variety Club International's Presidential Citation Award. In 1995, he was appointed to the Order of Canada.

Dr. Milton K. Wong

Vancouver

Milton Wong has long been a leader in business, volunteer service, health research, culture and sports, and a key fundraiser for the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Science World and the YMCA. He was a founding member of the Laurier Institute and is co-chair of the B.C. Cancer Foundation millennium campaign, an advisory board member with the Salvation Army and a contributor to SUCCESS. Wong initiated the Dragon Boat Festival, an outstanding cultural community event. Wong received an honorary doctorate from, and serves as chancellor of, Simon Fraser University. In 1997, he was awarded the Order of Canada.