

BACKGROUND
2004 Order of British Columbia

Dr. Richard Beamish

Nanaimo

Dr. Richard Beamish is a leader in the national and international scientific community. As a graduate student in 1969 he discovered the problem of acid rain in North America. He highlighted the role that atmospheric processes play in transporting contaminants and the potential effect this may have on marine, freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems. He is one of the pioneers examining how climate changes affect marine fish populations. Currently the senior scientist at the Pacific Biological Station, he has received national and international awards and recognition including the Order of Canada.

Thomas R. Berger

Vancouver

Thomas R. Berger, Q.C., was counsel for the Nisga'a in a case in which the Supreme Court of Canada recognized the place of aboriginal rights in Canadian law. The youngest judge appointed to the Supreme Court in the 20th Century, he served for 12 years. One of many inquiries he headed was the Mackenzie Valley pipeline inquiry. The report of his commission, *Northern Frontier, Northern Homeland*, is the best-selling document ever published by the Government of Canada. Berger's public intervention in 1981 was instrumental in the inclusion of aboriginal rights in the Canadian Constitution. He holds honorary degrees from 13 universities, received the Order of Canada in 1990, and was made a Freeman of the City of Vancouver in 1992.

George Bowering

Vancouver

Novelist, editor and historian, George Bowering was recently named the first Poet Laureate of Canada. Bowering has authored more than 80 books and is internationally known for his work, which has been translated into French, Spanish, Italian, German, Chinese and Romanian. In 2001, he retired as a professor at Simon Fraser University where he taught and inspired two generations of young writers. He has received numerous literary awards, two Governor General's awards, an honorary degree from the University of British Columbia and the University of Western Ontario, three Canada Council Senior Arts awards and visiting professorships in Germany and Denmark. In 2002, the Vancouver Sun recognized him as one of the most influential people in B.C. Bowering was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2002.

Barbara Brink

Vancouver

For 12 years Barbara Brink was the driving force behind the creation of B.C.'s Science World. Twice she was president of the Board of Governors and as CEO, spearheaded the campaign to obtain the Expo Centre, raise \$12 million in funding, oversee the \$19-million retrofit, and organize a major restructuring and repositioning years later. Brink is a founder of Leadership Vancouver and went on to introduce the program in 20 other Canadian communities. She has fundraised and served on the boards of many educational, charitable, health and arts organizations. Named one of B.C.'s 12 most powerful women by B.C. Business Magazine and one of 130 people who have made a significant contribution to B.C. by the Vancouver Sun, she is a member of the Order of Canada and a YWCA Woman of Distinction.

Dr. Frank Calder

Victoria

Frank Calder is best known for the famous Calder Case in 1973, a landmark decision of the Supreme Court of Canada on the Nisga'a Land Question. The Calder case provided the legal foundation on which the Nisga'a Treaty was ultimately negotiated and for the B.C. Treaty Process to be started after 130 years of opposition by provincial and colonial authorities. Calder was the first status Indian admitted to UBC; the first to be elected to the Legislature, serving for 26 years; the first elected to Canadian Parliament; and the first appointed a minister of the Crown. Among his awards and honours are Canada's First Nation's Hall of Fame; Aboriginal Order of Canada; Officer, Order of Canada; Doctor of Divinity; and National Aboriginal Lifetime Achievement Award.

Leila Getz

Vancouver

Leila Getz is the artistic director of the Vancouver Recital Society, which she founded in 1980. As one of North America's most respected classical music presenters, her Recital Series attracts the finest artists of our day, together with the most outstanding young musicians of the new generation. The series is now acknowledged worldwide as one of the launching pads for new talent. In 1986, she established the annual summer Vancouver Chamber Music Festival, which brings to Vancouver many of chamber music's leading musicians from Canada and abroad. For her innovation and excellence she has received prestigious awards in New York and Toronto, the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. She is also member of the Order of Canada.

Nancy Greene Raine

Sun Peaks

Nancy Greene Raine, Olympic and World Cup Ski champion (1967-68), was named Canada's Female Athlete of the 20th Century. In addition to countless sports medals and awards, she received the Order of Canada and honorary degrees from the University College of the Cariboo, Royal Roads University and Simon Fraser University. She is a member of both the B.C. and Canadian Sports Halls of Fame as well as the Canadian and U.S. Ski Halls of Fame. She is honorary chair of the Nancy Greene Ski League, Canada's entry-level program for ski racing. She is currently the director of skiing at Sun Peaks Resort and a partner with her husband Al Raine in Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge.

Dr. Grace McCarthy

Vancouver

Grace McCarthy was an MLA and cabinet minister for 22 years, and a successful businesswoman. In 1995 she began raising funds for research to help children with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and is the founder and president of the C.H.I.L.D. Foundation (for children with intestinal and liver disorders). With a dedicated team of volunteers, over \$7 million has been raised to establish Canada's first chair in pediatric gastroenterology at UBC and the first endowed program at B.C.'s Children's Hospital. Her awards and honours highlights include Officer of the Order of Canada; Honorary Doctors of Laws from UBC and Simon Fraser University; Honorary Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada; Order of Distinguished Service Worldwide from the Salvation Army; Lions International Highest Awards; B.C. Top Ten Citizen of the Century; and Honorary Doctor of Technology from the B.C. Institute of Technology.

Dr. Peter Newbery

Hazleton

Dr. Peter Newbery has lived in northern B.C. since 1978. He helped create a system of support for practising rural doctors, and for training new doctors, resulting in improved health for thousands of people across rural B.C. and Canada. He is a family physician, a clinical professor of medicine at UBC, a United Church minister and was the director of the United Church Health Services for 13 years, which operates five hospitals, eight medical clinics, and employs hundreds of health-care workers. He belongs to an international group of rural doctors developing training in rural family medicine worldwide. Their recommendations are part of the guidelines of most medical schools in Canada and other countries. Along with numerous other awards, Dr. Newbery was named to the Order of Canada.

Dr. Donald Rix

Burnaby

Dr. Donald Rix is a recognized member of the medical profession, with fellowships in four medical colleges and societies. He is also a successful businessman, generous philanthropist and dedicated volunteer. He is active in provincial and national medical associations, is a member of several B.C. research foundations, and director of the Children's Hospital Foundation. He is a member of the Premier's Technology Council, and chairs the Science Council. He has served in various capacities at B.C.IT, SFU, UBC and UNBC. Dr. Rix is an active supporter of the arts community, donating millions of dollars for education, health and the arts. He has also earned numerous awards and honours.

Balwant Sanghera

Richmond

Born in India, Balwant Sanghera moved to B.C. in 1966. After a teaching career, he received his Master's of Education from UBC and became a school psychologist with the Richmond School District. He developed an educational program for the Maples Adolescent Centre serving the province's most difficult adolescents from a mental health and behavior perspective. He has mentored and fostered similar programs provincewide. He is president of the Richmond Multicultural Concerns Society and the Punjabi Language Education Association of B.C. He chairs Richmond's Intercultural Advisory Committee and is a longtime organizer of Multi-Fest, a summer festival to celebrate diversity.

Dr. William Sauder

Vancouver

With Dr. William Sauder as chairman and formerly CEO, International Forest Products Ltd. became one of Western Canada's substantial logging and sawmilling operations. Dr. Sauder chairs Sauder Industries Ltd. A philanthropist and supporter of medical research, he served on the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. board of directors. UBC has the Sauder family chair in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, the chair in Viral Diseases of Children, the Heart and Stroke Foundation Professorship in clinical stroke research and the Heart and Stroke Foundation Chair in cardiology. Dr. Sauder and family made a gift of \$20 million to UBC for the former Faculty of Commerce — now named the Sauder School of Business. A UBC graduate, he served on the board of governors for six years and was chairman for part of that time. He also served two terms as chancellor and received an Honorary Doctor of Laws.

Alfred Scow

Vancouver

Judge Scow was the first Aboriginal graduate of the UBC Faculty of Law (1961) and the first Aboriginal in Canada to be appointed a judge. He was much respected by the Aboriginal community and both bench and bar during his 23 years. He served on many law, education and community boards and committees. Due to Judge Scow's efforts, a bursary for needy law students is now fully endowed. Judge Scow is the founding president of the Scow Institute for Communicating Information on Aboriginal Issues. In addition to many other honours, Judge Scow was awarded the Order of Canada.

John Turvey

Vancouver

Heroin-addicted at age 13 and rehabilitated in his early 20s, John Turvey spent the next 35 years as an advocate for the unfortunate. Children and youth were his priorities and he helped provide many original, accessible and user-friendly services to them. Turvey challenged all levels of government to improve the lives of impoverished, vulnerable adults, children and youth. He was a determined and outspoken defender of socially excluded citizens and a role model for aspiring social workers and community activists. For 20 years he was executive director of the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society. He was also a founding member of the B.C. AIDS Network and Vancouver Native Health Society.