

# 2026 BUSINESS LAUREATES

## OF BRITISH COLUMBIA HALL OF FAME

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Business Laureates of British Columbia Hall of Fame was created by JA British Columbia in 2005 to honour the lifetime achievements of outstanding B.C. business leaders whose efforts have shaped our province and country. They Built. We Benefit.

Laureate nominations are open to the public to ensure that B.C.'s diverse business community is fully represented and that a broad range of nominees is considered. The vetting process involves both a Nominations Committee and a Selection Committee, each composed of individuals with diverse backgrounds and perspectives, reflecting our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

### Hall of Fame Co-Chairs

Shelina Esmail  
Robin Dhir

### Nominations Committee Members

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Hastings

### Selection Committee Members

John Anderson, Chair  
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Anthony Von Mandl  
Peter Gustavson  
Tamara Vrooman



- 1 Dr. Julia Levy, O.C., PhD (1934-2024)**  
Former CEO, QLT  
UBC Professor Emerita
- 2 Amar Doman**  
CEO, Futura Corporation
- 3 Bob Gaglardi**  
Founder & Chairman Emeritus,  
Northland Properties
- 4 Jake Kerr, C.M., O.B.C., LL.D.**  
Chair, Mosaic Forest Management
- 5 Barry Lapointe, C.M., O.B.C.**  
Chairman, KF Aerospace Group

## PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING THE 2026 BUSINESS LAUREATES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES.

**Gala Dinner and Induction Ceremonies**  
**Monday, June 8, 2026**  
**Vancouver Convention Centre West**

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