RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification:*In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Biennial of the Americas

Travel Dates:
06/10/2025 to 06/13/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$795.00	$1,732.00	$470.00	$0.00

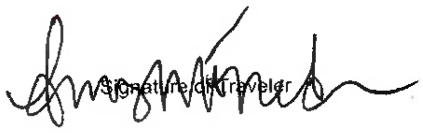
I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

07/09/2025
Date

Amy Friedman
Printed Name of Traveler


Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form. are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

07/09/2025
Date


Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ● No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

April 16, 2025

Dear Amy Friedman,

On behalf of the State of Colorado and the Biennial of the Americas, we are delighted to **attend the 2025 Americas Summit Vancouver** delegation June 10 - 14, 2025. This visit offers a unique opportunity to deepen the relationship between Vancouver and Colorado, fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration across our regions. We would be honored to welcome you to speak at our Welcome Reception to greet the delegation and welcome them to the City of Vancouver.

The 2025 Americas Summit, organized by the Biennial of the Americas in collaboration with the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade, the Denver Economic Development & Opportunity Office, and Governor Jared Polis, will take place in Vancouver, Canada, from June 10 to 14. This event will bring together leaders from across the Americas to explore British Columbia's unique culture and economy through site visits, panel discussions, and networking opportunities. The Summit will focus on key priorities including sustainable cities and innovation, cross-cultural dialogue, economic equity, health and wellbeing in urban landscapes, and the future of work in tech hubs. It serves as a platform for fostering collaboration, sharing insights, and addressing challenges across the Western Hemisphere.

Amy, your leadership in Senator Bennet's office and your work on critical issues such as urban policy, community development, and regional collaboration offer invaluable perspective for leaders across the hemisphere. We would be honored to have you join this important and timely delegation.

We will follow up with you to discuss your interest and availability for this opportunity. We greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

FloraJane DiRienzo
Executive Director
Biennial of the Americas

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Amy Friedman

Employing Office/Committee:
Senator Bennet

Private Sponsor(s):
Biennial of the Americas

Destination(s):
Vancouver, Canada

Travel Dates:

06/10/2025 - 06/13/2025

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

This trips brings together a CO delegation of elected officials, business and community leaders focused on building partnerships between Colorado and Canada.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? **Name and Relationship to Traveler:**

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

6/5/25
Date

Amy M Friedman
Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Senator Michael Bennet hereby authorize Amy Friedman
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

6/5/25
Date

Michael F. Bennet
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Biennial of the Americas: Americas Summit Vancouver

Amy Friedman

Title:
Chief of Staff

Employing Office/Committee:
BENNET, MICHAEL

Duty Station:
DENVER,CO

Destination(s):
Vancouver, Canada

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The trip brings together a CO delegation of elected officials, business and community leaders focused on building partnerships between Colorado and Canada.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Biennial of the Americas

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 950

Phone Number
(303) 898-1237

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
● Yes ○ No

Address
1550 Wewatta Street

City, State Zip
Denver, Colorado 80202 United States

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

2024 Americas Summit Costa Rica

Educational Activities

The Biennial of the Americas conducts a wide range of educational activities designed to foster understanding, dialogue, and collaboration across the Western Hemisphere. Our programming spans cultural, civic, and business sectors, with a focus on inclusive, accessible learning opportunities for diverse audiences. We host year-round panels, lectures, and conversations featuring thought leaders, artists, and policymakers from across the Americas. These events are free and open to the public, providing opportunities for civic learning and cultural exchange. We organize high-level gatherings that bring together leaders from government, business, and the arts to engage in substantive dialogue on shared challenges. These convenings include panels, workshops, and site visits that promote peer-to-peer learning.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ● I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ● I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ● I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The 2025 Americas Summit will take place in Vancouver, Canada, and will convene a delegation of approximately 80 influential leaders from across the Americas, including C-suite executives, government officials, and leading innovators. The Summit will feature high-level discussions focused on sustainability, technological innovation, economic development, and cultural exchange. This multi-day convening offers participants the opportunity to engage directly with key stakeholders from the public and private sectors, build strategic relationships, and explore collaborative solutions to shared hemispheric challenges. The event is organized by the Biennial of the Americas as part of its mission to foster dialogue and partnerships throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The purpose of the trip directly aligns with the Biennial of the Americas' mission to build connections, inspire dialogue, and strengthen relationships among leaders from across the Western Hemisphere. By convening influential voices in Vancouver for the 2025 Americas Summit, we are advancing cross-sector collaboration on shared priorities such as sustainability, innovation, economic growth, and cultural understanding. Hosting this delegation —including public officials, civic leaders, and private sector executives—fosters informed dialogue and collaborative problem-solving across national and cultural boundaries. This trip exemplifies our commitment to creating platforms for engagement that elevate the exchange of ideas and drive progress throughout the Americas.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- ● Yes
- ○ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ● The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ● The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ● No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- ● The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- ○ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will not** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
06/10/2025 @ 12:00 PM

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Trip End Date/Time:
06/13/2025 @ 07:24 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $795.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$795.00

Note
Roundtrip from DEN to YVR

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,732.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
06/10/2025	06/14/2025	Fairmont Pacific Rim	Vancouver	None	Canada	4	$433.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The Fairmont Pacific Rim is the confirmed hotel for the summit. All delgates are staying here. It was the only hotel that could accommodate a group of our size.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $470.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
06/10/2025	$10.00	$20.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$80.00**	vancouver	None	Canada	No
06/11/2025	$30.00	$50.00	$60.00	$0.00	**$140.00**	vancouver	None	Canada	No
06/12/2025	$30.00	$50.00	$70.00	$0.00	**$150.00**	vancouver	None	Canada	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
06/13/2025	$30.00	$40.00	$30.00	$0.00	**$100.00**	vancouver	None	Canada	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

There are no miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name
Agenda
Agenda

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Americas Summit Vancouver

Travel Date(s): Juen 10 - 14, 2025

Travel Destination(s): Vancouver

Sponsor: Biennial of the Americas

FloraJane DiRienzo
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director
(title)

(signature of sponsor representative)

5/8/2025
(date)

Amy Friedman

Chief of Staff | Senator Bennet

Amy Friedman serves as US Senator Michael Bennet's Chief of Staff. She has been working with Senator Bennet since 2019 when she jointed his team as the State Director. Prior to working for Senator Bennet, Amy served as the President & CEO of Book Trust, a national literacy based non-profit organization. At her core, Amy is both a learner and educator. This comes from her time working in Denver Public Schools as a teacher and school district leader, including serving as the Chief of Staff to the Superintendent. Amy is a passionate leader with more than two decades of experience in the public sector helping organizations and people tackle their most challenging issues. Doing work that improves others' lives is Amy's guiding star. Amy loves the outdoor lifestyle Colorado offers and lives in Denver with her husband and two teenage children.



2025 AMERICAS SUMMIT VANCOUVER AGENDA - AMY FRIEDMAN

6/10 · TUESDAY

GATEWAY OF A GLOBAL CITY: | Denver International Airport
UA 453: DEN 1:59 p.m. → YVR 4:00 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION: with British Columbia's Leadership | Bill Reid Gallery

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6/11 · WEDNESDAY

BRIEFING BREAKFAST | Fairmont Pacific Rim
WORK, LIVE, THRIVE: Building a Global & Skilled Workforce | Amazon
REDEFINING TRADE: Services & Regional Innovation | SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre
SEABUS | Waterfront Station
NORTH VANCOUVER DEVELOPMENT : Lunch & Exploration | Shipyards
FLOWING CULTURES: Festivals as Economic Catalysts | The Polygon Gallery
DIASPORA STORIES: Dinner & Talks | Anh & Chi

6/12 · THURSDAY

SUMMIT YOGA | Lululemon HQ
THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: Sustainable Urbanism | UBC Faculty of Forestry
VOICES OF THE LAND: Indigenous Knowledge & Stewardship | MOA
CRAFTED LOCALLY: Lunch & Conversations | Granville Island
PRESCRIBING HEALTH: Art, Nature & Belonging | Arts Umbrella
TIDES OF TRADE, ROOTS OF TRADITION | Vancouver Harbor Cruise

6/13 · FRIDAY

DESIGNING THE FUTURE: Disruption & Creativity | Emily Carr University of Art + Design
FOUNDATIONS OF WELL-BEING: Intergenerational Policy & Housing | Chinatown Storytelling Centre
PRESERVING CHINATOWN: Lunch & Conversations | Chinatown
CORPORATE PURPOSE: Social Innovation Investments | TELUS

6/13 - UA 1105: 5:24 YVR → DEN


AMERICAS SUMMIT
VANCOUVER 2025
6/10 TUESDAY
6/11 WEDNESDAY
6/12 THURSDAY
6/13 FRIDAY
6/14 SATURDAY
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GATEWAY OF A GLOBAL CITY: Infrastructure & Connectivity + Lunch
Denver International Airport
Gate / Boarding
FLIGHT
UA 453 DEN-YVR
1:59 p.m. / 4:00 p.m.
Vancouver International Airport Arrival
Bus Transfer
Fairmont Check-in/Executive Time
Walk Transfer
WELCOME RECEPTION: with British Columbia's Leadership
Bill Reid Gallery
Walk Transfer
OPENING BREAKFAST: Briefing with US Consulate General Vancouver
Fairmont Pacific Rim
Walk Transfer
WORK, LIVE, THRIVE: Building a Global & Skilled Workforce
Amazon
Walk Transfer
REDEFINING TRADE: Services & Regional Innovation
SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre
Walk Transfer
SEABUS
NORTH VANCOUVER DEVELOPMENT: Lunch & Insights
Lunch at Joey's Shipyards
NORTH VANCOUVER EXPLORATION
FLOWING CULTURES: Festivals as Economic Catalysts
The Polygon Gallery
SEABUS
Walk Transfer
Executive Time
Bus Transfer
DIASPORA STORIES: Dinner & Talks
Anh & Chi
Bus Transfer
BREAKFAST
Fairmont
SUMMIT YOGA
Lululemon HQ
Bus Transfer
THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: Sustainable Urbanism
UBC Faculty of Forestry
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VOICES OF THE LAND: Indigenous Knowledge & Stewardship
Museum of Anthropology at UBC
Bus Transfer
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Executive Time
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PRESERVING CHINATOWN: Lunch & Conversations
Chinatown
Bus Transfer
CORPORATE PURPOSE: Social Innovation Investments
TELUS Garden
Walk Transfer
DELEGATE EXCURSION (Three Options): Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver Seawall Bike Tour, or FlyOver Canada
Walk Transfer
Executive Time
Bus Transfer
VAN CITY VIBES: Americas Summit Sendoff
La Fabrique St-George
Bus Transfer
BREAKFAST
Fairmont Pacific Rim
Airport Transfer
Gate / Boarding
FLIGHT
UA 2470 YVR-DEN
11:00 a.m. / 2:55 p.m.
Delegates Depart or Stay Through the Weekend
Panel
Explorations/Tours
Restaurants/Networking
Special Events
Executive Time

GATEWAY OF A GLOBAL CITY: Infrastructure & Connectivity

Tuesday, June 10, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Denver International Airport (Mezzanine space in Concourse A West)

Panel Overview:

This opening session of the 2025 Americas Summit brings together leadership from DEN , airport-rooted entrepreneurs, and regional economic voices to explore how infrastructure and innovation fuel opportunity, mobility, and urban transformation. With major expansions underway—including the $2 billion Great Hall renovation and redevelopment of Peña Boulevard—DEN is preparing to serve over 100 million passengers by 2027.

Artist Thomas "Detour" Evans will also join the conversation to share the story behind his new permanent installation at DEN: It's Not What You Take, It's What You Bring Back, a vibrant sculpture crafted from 183 pieces of community-donated luggage. The work honors the diverse journeys that shape Colorado and reflects the airport's unique role as a space of movement, memory, and identity.

Speakers:

Phil Washington | CEO | Denver International Airport (DEN)

Jenni Hall | Director of Community and Economic Development | Adams County

Brian Roth | United Airlines

Mary Nguyen | Founder & Chef | Olive & Finch Eatery and Bakery

Detour (Thomas Evans) | Artist & Creative Entrepreneur | Independent / Denver-based

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Speaker Bios:

Phil Washington | CEO | Denver International Airport (DEN)

Phillip A. Washington is the Chief Executive Officer of Denver International Airport (DEN), appointed in 2021 and reconfirmed in 2023. Under his leadership, DEN—now the 6th busiest airport in the world by passenger traffic—launched Vision 100, an ambitious plan to accommodate 100 million passengers by 2030. He oversees a $10 billion Capital Improvement Program, including the addition of 39 gates, a consolidated rental car facility, environmental sustainability initiatives, and the creation of the Center of Equity & Excellence in Aviation, which will train future generations in aviation careers. His leadership has fostered a culture of safety, innovation, and long-term growth among DEN's 40,000+ employees.

Prior to DEN, Washington was CEO of LA Metro (2015–2021), overseeing an $8.5 billion budget, leading $20 billion ~~in capital projects, and successfully passing Measure M—one of the largest transportation~~ funding

measures in U.S. history. He previously served as CEO of Denver's RTD, where he delivered major projects like the West Rail Line, the redevelopment of Denver Union Station, and the country's first rail transit public-private partnership (P3).

A 24-year U.S. Army veteran and Command Sergeant Major, Washington has received numerous national honors, including induction into the APTA Hall of Fame. He was nominated by President Biden to lead the FAA, co-chaired the Biden-Harris Infrastructure Policy Committee, and now serves on both the U.S. DOT Equity Advisory Committee and the FAA's Management Advisory Council. He holds degrees from Columbia College and Webster University, and is a graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School for Senior Executives in State and Local Government. Originally from Chicago's Altgeld Gardens, Washington is widely recognized for his visionary leadership in transportation, infrastructure, and public service.

Jenni Hall | Director of Community and Economic Development | Adams County

Jenni serves as the Director of Community & Economic Development for Adams County, where she has been leading the organization's work on revitalization and redevelopment activities for the past three years. Previously, as the Economic Policy & Development Manager for the City of Westminster, her focus was on TOD redevelopment areas and leading affordable housing policy implementation and project management. After making the shift from city to county, the need for financial tools to support revitalization projects was evident, and the effort to create HB24-1172 emerged.
Jenni's expertise includes strategic planning, public policy, affordable housing, sustainable design, and urban infill projects. For the past 24 years, she has worked across the spectrum of design and land development in the non-profit sector, local government, and in universities, having taught at Iowa State University, University of Colorado, and University of Hawaii. Jenni holds M.Arch and M.UD degrees from the University of Colorado and the LEED AP-ND credential. She has been a frequent speaker on affordable housing and redevelopment areas and has presented nationally and internationally.

Jenni and her husband, John, are public servants to the core and have three grown children along with their very large Golden Retriever, Ollie, who is attending his first EDCC conference.

Brian Roth Sales Director | United Airlines

Brian Roth is Regional Sales Director- Denver for United Airlines, leading the sales team's efforts for the Rocky Mountains and about a twenty other states. He has been with United since 1997 in a variety of sales, analytical, and management roles.

Brian recently returned to live in Denver with his wife Jill and two children, after stops in Seattle and San Diego. Brian is an avid sports fan with two college aged kids, (Go Buffs and Boiler Up), attempts to ski and golf when possible, and enjoys exploring the world. Brian and his family are fully back to traveling again and have been to Japan, Spain, London, Costa Rica, Switzerland and Germany along with much of the US in the past year.

Mary Nguyen Founder/President at Olive & Finch Collective

Mary Nguyen is a self-taught chef and leading voice in Denver's culinary scene, with over two decades of experience. Formerly in investment banking and commodities trading, she became North America's only female executive sushi chef and later founded the Olive & Finch Collective—a diverse group of ventures including restaurants (Olive & Finch), cafes (Little Finch), a food and beverage distribution company (Finch, On The Fly), and a hospitality consulting firm (Collective Management Partners). Recognized as a trailblazing

BIPOC chef and entrepreneur, she's received accolades such as the 2025 Girl Scouts Women of Distinction award and Denver Business Journal's Outstanding Woman in Business.

Nguyen's impact extends beyond food. She serves as Chair of the Asian Chamber Foundation and sits on several boards—including Emily Griffith Foundation, Visit Denver, and Huntington Bank—where she champions education, workforce development, minority-owned businesses, and financial equity. A committed mentor, she supports youth through Junior Achievement and Young Americans Bank, and regularly shares insights on culture and lifestyle through her "Fresh Takes with Chef Mary" segment on Channel 9. A proud Denver native, Nguyen sees hospitality as a force for community connection and inclusive growth.

Detour (Thomas Evans) | Artist & Creative Entrepreneur | Independent / Denver-based

Thomas "Detour" Evans is a Denver-based multidisciplinary artist known for his vibrant murals, public sculptures, and interactive installations that blend abstract and representational styles. His work is rooted in storytelling, community engagement, and cultural memory, with large-scale murals spanning four continents and often shaped by conversations with local communities. One of his signature pieces, *It's Not What You Take, It's What You Bring Back*, at Denver International Airport, features 183 donated suitcases and symbolizes shared journeys and collective experience.

In his studio, Detour integrates technology—such as sound, sensors, and interactive media—to expand how audiences experience visual art. This fusion of innovation and tradition reflects his commitment to evolving the role of the artist. He is also the author of *Be the Artist*, a practical guide for creatives building sustainable careers. Whether through public works or mentorship, Detour champions the idea that art is not just seen, but felt—and that it can leave a lasting impact on both place and people.

UA 453: DEN 1:59 p.m. → YVR 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME RECEPTION: with British Columbia's Leadership

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art

Panel Overview

Join us for a meaningful evening bringing together British Columbia leadership and the Colorado delegation led by Governor Jared Polis to open the 2025 Americas Summit Vancouver. In a time that calls for deeper cooperation, this reception celebrates the belief that when we build bridges and allow the flow of people and ideas, we unlock new opportunities for collaboration, strengthen our regions, and shape a more connected, prosperous future.

Held at the Bill Reid Gallery, a cultural landmark dedicated to Northwest Coast Indigenous art, the evening will unfold in a setting that reflects the values of place, continuity, and dialogue—central to the Summit's curatorial approach of honoring local context while fostering hemispheric exchange.Welcoming remarks from distinguished leaders from the Musqueam Nation, British Columbia, and Colorado will set the tone for a week of cross-sector collaboration, creative diplomacy, and shared leadership rethinking the future of the region.

Speakers:

Debra Sparrow | Musqueam weaver, artist and knowledge keeper.

Jared Polis | Governor | State of Colorado

Deputy Premier Niki Sharma | Province of British Columbia

Ken Sim | Mayor | City of Vancouver

Sylvain Fabi | Consul General | Consulate General of Canada in Denver

Kerri Conway | Special Advisor to the Chancellor and Director of International Agriculture | CSU System

Spakwus Slolem (Eagle Song), Drummers and Dancers

Speaker Bios:

Debra Sparrow | Musqueam weaver, artist and knowledge keeper.

Debra Sparrow has been deeply involved with the revival of Musqueam weaving for over 30 years, and has many years of study, trial, and learning directly from the work of her ancestors. Her work has been collected and exhibited nationally and internationally including The University of British Columbia, The Canadian Museum of History (previously Civilization), The Royal BC Museum, The Vancouver International Airport (YVR Collections), the Burke Museum (Seattle), and the Smithsonian. She was the recipient of the BC Creative Achievement Award for First Nations Art in 2008. Most recently, she participated in "The Fabric of Our Land: Salish Weaving" at the Museum of Anthropology both as an exhibitor and as a regular, active weaving demonstrator using a traditional loom from the museum collection.

In addition to her weaving, education has been of equal value to Debra Sparrow. Recognizing weaving has the ability to offer stories of our heritage, it also serves as a traditional form of education to effectively teach us of math, science, history, and philosophy. It has been important for Sparrow to pass on the Salish weaving practice and Musqueam history to the future generations, which led to her involvement in the co-creation of the Musqueam Museum School with the University of British Columbia. Among teaching classes, she also shares her knowledge through public speaking, presentations, and publications (including UNESCO, 2001).

Jared Polis | Governor | State of Colorado

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Ken Sim | Mayor | City of Vancouver

Mayor Ken Sim has built a life in Vancouver with his wife Teena, their four sons, and their dogs Hank and Kona.

Ken is a proud Vancouverite, having been born and raised in Vancouver. He is an accomplished entrepreneur and the co-founder of two successful Vancouver-based companies: Rosemary Rocksalt and Nurse Next Door.

Professionally, Ken holds an FCPA (FCA) designation and has been a speaker at post-secondary institutions and conferences globally. Ken is a two-time recipient of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award (Pacific Region) in the Emerging Entrepreneur category (2006) and Healthcare Services category (2016).

Ken was sworn in as the 41st Mayor of Vancouver on November 7th, 2022.

Ken has committed to delivering on the major issues facing Vancouver including affordability, public safety, and mental health and addictions – leading a City Hall that prioritizes inclusivity, collaboration, and Indigenous Reconciliation.

During his tenure as Mayor, Ken wants to see Vancouver become a city that is once again vibrant, prosperous, fun, and open for business – with a renewed sense of swagger and optimism about the future.

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Sylvain Fabi | Consul General | Consulate General of Canada in Denver

Sylvain Fabi (BBA, Bishop's University, 1988) joined the Consulate General of Canada in Denver in October 2020. As Canada's Consul General in the U.S. Mountain West Region, Sylvain oversees a team of 18 people who work within Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Utah and Wyoming to strengthen trade and economic ties; enhance political, academic and cultural links; and assist Canadians visiting or living in the five-state territory. From 2017 to 2023 he was Canada's chief negotiator for the modernization of the Columbia River Treaty with the United States.

Mr. Fabi joined the Trade Commissioner Service of External Affairs and International Trade Canada in 1992. He worked in various geographic and trade policy divisions in Ottawa. He was senior departmental adviser to the Minister of International Trade (2009 to 2010), Director for bilateral relations with South America and the Caribbean (2010 to 2013) and Executive Director of the North America Policy and Relations Division (2013 to 2015).

Mr. Fabi's assignments abroad include trade commissioner at the embassy in Moscow (1995 to 1998), commercial counsellor at the embassy in Havana (2001 to 2005) and commercial counsellor at the embassy in Santiago (2005 to 2009). Mr. Fabi served as High Commissioner for Canada in Jamaica and the Bahamas (2015 to 2017). Before becoming Consul General in Denver, he was Executive Director, U.S. Transboundary Affairs Division (2017 to 2020).

Mr. Fabi is married to Jany Joyal and they have two children, Frederic and Isabelle.

Kerri Conway | Special Advisor to the Chancellor and Director of International Agriculture | CSU System

A thought leader in international agriculture development, Kerri has a passion for formulating new ways to capture learning, share knowledge, and build effective partnerships and successful programs. She has fostered and developed the North American Agricultural Advisory Network (NAAAN) hosted by the CSU System as a platform and collaboration in agricultural extension services across Canada, Mexico and the United States. A partner in the work of the NAAAN for Canada is the National Circle for Indigenous Agriculture and Food (NCIAF). Her team also leads the Colorado GROW Youth Institute, affiliated with the World Food Prize Foundation, focused on bringing Colorado high school students into the global food security discussion by offering their ideas and solutions.

Her clients and partners during her 30-year career include The World Bank, The U.S. Agency for International Development, The Aspen Institute, The Global Crop Trust, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and The International Food Policy Research Institute, and other Centers in the CGIAR.

Spakwus Slolem (Eagle Song)

Spakwus Slolem, (translated,"Eagle Song Dancers), are members of the Squamish Nation. Geographically located in what is called the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Our traditional territory being the Howe Sound, Vancouver to Whistler area. The Squamish have lived and utilized this area for over 10,000 years, having history traced back to the Great Flood, and an Ice Age.

We are a Coastal people, people of the cedar longhouses, of the great sea-going canoes, the racing war canoes, People of the Salmon. Our colourful history speaks of things of legend, of deeds of certain members of the Smylaith Tribe (Sasquatch), legends of the Animal Kingdom(i.e., The Raven, Seagull and Sun), which brings out Teachings of our Squamish People, the History of Takaya, the Wolf Clan, one of our Squamish Family's History.

Spakwus Slolem presentations brings out "Chiax", the protocol and laws of our canoe culture, for our Longhouses. Some of our Elders today still have memories of early years, travelling across the waters in great canoes to visit Family in distant land , and exercising our Chiax. Spakwus Slolem presents a glimpse into this culture through singing/drumming and dance, and audience participation.

A Great Canoe gathering took place in 1993, called "The Gaatuwas", in Bella Bella, B.C., paddlers from the Squamish sea-going Canoe enjoyed the culture so much they decided to continue, and eventually became known as Spakwus Slolem (Eagle Song) , travelling and presenting at venues in Switzerland (jazz festival) , Taiwan (2), Japan (2), across Canada, and locally, as well as Washington State.

Our cultural history is steeped in tradition, spirituality, canoes, family history, legends and stories of our Ancestors. Teachings that we observe today on Tribal Journeys, paddling our sea-going canoes, to visit villages of our coastal relatives.The image of the canoe is from our Squamish Kwxulth Family (Sea-going canoe Family), and is very active on the water.

Spakwus Slolem is pleased and honoured to present songs and dances of yesterday, as well as today, and feel very honoured to represent our People in a good way, as our Ancestors had intended.Huy chewx aa, Wey chewx yuu.

BRIEFING BREAKFAST:with U.S. Consulate General in Vancouver

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Fairmont Pacific Rim (Emerald Ballroom)

Day 1 begins with a Briefing Breakfast hosted in partnership with the U.S. Consulate General in Vancouver. This session provides a timely diplomatic update on U.S.-Canada relations, cross-border cooperation, and evolving regional priorities. Delegates will receive key insights into the economic, cultural, and geopolitical landscape of British Columbia.

Speaker:

James P. DeHart, U.S. Consul General Vancouver

Jim DeHart is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with 33 years of experience as a U.S. diplomat. He holds the rank of Minister Counselor. Most recently, he served as Coordinator for Special Immigrant Visa Diplomacy. In 2022, he completed a two-year assignment as U.S. Coordinator for the Arctic Region. He brings significant experience in regional security, civilian-military cooperation, and international negotiations. A hallmark of his career has been close collaboration with U.S. allies and partners to advance shared interests and values.

In 2021, Jim helped lead the evacuation of American citizens and Afghan allies from Kabul and led the Afghanistan Task Force in Washington. From 2019–2020, he led the negotiation of status of forces, defense cooperation, and burden-sharing agreements worldwide.

He has served twice in Afghanistan—first as Assistant Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul (2018–2019) and earlier as Director of the only civilian-led U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Team in Panjshir Province (2009–2010). From 2015–2018, Jim was Deputy Chief of Mission in Oslo, Norway, including extended periods as Chargé d'Affaires.

Previously, he served as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), overseeing assistance programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as global initiatives targeting corruption, money laundering, and organized crime. From 2010–2013, Jim was Director of the Office of Afghanistan Affairs.

A former Rusk Fellow at Georgetown University, Jim taught a graduate-level course on NATO enlargement and published on international affairs. He also served as Director for Central Asia on the National Security Council staff at the White House, and as Deputy Director for Caucasus and Central Asian Affairs at the State Department. He has held roles as Special Assistant for Europe and Eurasia to two Under Secretaries of State and served overseas at NATO Headquarters in Brussels; in Melbourne, Australia; and in Istanbul, Turkey. Earlier in his career, he was Desk Officer for Greece and worked in the State Department Operations Center.

Jim was raised in a Foreign Service family, living in Australia, Hong Kong, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Washington, D.C., and Central Oregon. He holds a B.A. from Gonzaga University and a Master's in International Affairs from The Elliott School at George Washington University. He is married to Lisa DeHart, a teacher, and they have two daughters.

WORK, LIVE, THRIVE: Building a Global & Skilled Workforce

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Amazon Vancouver Corporate Office

Panel Overview:

As automation, AI, and demographic change redefine industries across the globe, the challenge—and opportunity—of workforce transformation has never been more urgent. Colorado and British Columbia stand at the forefront of this evolution, advancing inclusive, tech-forward, and scalable solutions to prepare the next generation of workers.

This session, hosted at Amazon's Vancouver headquarters, brings together public and private sector leaders shaping the future of talent development in the Americas. Panelists will explore cross-sector strategies—from digital apprenticeships and industry-led upskilling to equitable credentialing models—that are unlocking opportunity and driving economic resilience. Together, they'll highlight how intentional collaboration between companies, governments, and platforms can build a workforce that is agile, inclusive, and ready for what's next.

Speakers:

Nico Probst - Head of State and Local Public Policy, Amazon

Jared Polis – Governor, State of Colorado

Joe Barela – Executive Director, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Colin Newman - Director of Economic Development, Amazon

Zoe Weintraub Barret – Vice President, Government & Workforce Development, Guild

TBD - Province of British Columbia

Speaker Bios:

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Joe Barela – Executive Director, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE)

In December 2018, Governor Polis appointed Joe Barela as the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, a 1900-person state agency housing the Divisions of Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation, Labor Standards and Statistics, Vocational Rehabilitation, Employment and Training and Oil and Public Safety. Joe has more than 25 years of experience in workforce and human capital development and is seen as a local and national leader in the field. Joe is passionate about creating more opportunities for better career pathways for working all Americans. Under his leadership he has introduced the Office of the Future of Work, The Office of New Americans and the Office of Just Transitions as well as the Colorado Family and Medical Leave Insurance Division.

Before serving in the Polis administration, he was a Director for Skillful, a Markle Foundation Initiative. In 2015, Joe served at the U.S. Department of Labor as a Senior Advisor; he helped coordinate the USDOL's implementation of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) at state and local levels. In his current role as the Executive Director of CDLE, Joe serves on the Business Experiential and Learning Commission, the Education Leadership Council, the Just Transition Advisory Council and the Colorado Workforce Development Council. He also serves on the board of directors of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies as the chair-elect.

Colin Newman – Director of Workforce & Economic Development, Amazon

Colin Newman was recently named Director of Public Policy for Amazon. He was previously Vice President of Amazon-subsidiary Audible, where led global government and community affairs. Before joining Amazon, Colin was Deputy Chief Counsel to Governor Christie, where he advised the Governor on legislation, litigation, regulations, and executive orders. Earlier in his career, Colin was chief counsel to the Republican caucus of the New Jersey General Assembly, law clerk to Chief Justice James Zazzali of the New Jersey Supreme Court, congressional advisor at the U.S. State Department, White House aide to President George W. Bush, and an attorney in private practice in New Jersey, New York, and Washington, DC.

Zoe Weintraub Barret – Vice President of Workforce & Strategic Partnerships

Zoe Weintraub Barrett is the Vice President of Workforce & Strategic Partnerships at Guild. She leads Guild's workforce development strategy focused to support their mission of unlocking opportunity for America's workforce.

Zoe has been a foundational member of the Guild team, joining in 2016 as one of the first 20 employees in the company's infancy. She's led the design of education and career mobility programs for some of the nation's leading companies, including Walmart, Target, Lowe's, Waste Management, Hilton, Macy's to name a few. In addition, she developed the "tuition-free" degree and more inclusive policy measures for education benefits to transform the industry and remove barriers like upfront payment and include wrap around support. Most recently she pioneered a multimillion dollar consortium funding model to support Team USA athletes gain access to upskilling opportunities and job placements after their competition.

Prior to Guild, Zoe has focused on early stage startups, including serving as a proud failed founder of a job platform for the hourly workforce, aimed at providing transparency to the job process. There she spent time working with both private and public partners including workforce centers and local foundations. Zoe has spent her career leading teams at other venture-backed startups in Silicon Valley where she focused her energies on Business Development and Strategy, including WePay, now a Chase company. Her roots are in Southern California where she graduated with a full academic scholarship from the University of Southern California, with a B.A. in International Relations and a minor in Digital Studies and Entrepreneurship.

REDEFINING TRADE: Services & Regional Innovation

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Panel Overview:

As global trade faces increasing uncertainty—from shifting geopolitical alliances to rising protectionism and climate-driven supply chain disruptions—services are becoming critical anchors of economic resilience, innovation, and export diversification. From clean technology and digital infrastructure to professional services, education, and creative industries, service-based trade is reshaping economic opportunity across borders.

In both British Columbia and Colorado, services now account for the majority of GDP and are emerging as key pillars of international trade. This timely conversation brings together public and private sector leaders to explore how these two dynamic, services-driven economies are leveraging their unique strengths to redefine trade, foster innovation, and deepen cross-border partnerships.

British Columbia stands at the forefront of film and digital media, clean tech, fintech, and higher education, with Vancouver positioned as a gateway to Asia-Pacific markets. Colorado, meanwhile, is a leader in professional and technical services, cloud-based SaaS and AI, aerospace and R&D, and financial and consulting services, with strong connections to Latin America and U.S. innovation corridors.

Together, these regions offer complementary strengths and a shared commitment to sustainable, innovation-led growth. This session will explore how BC and Colorado can begin to explore pathways for greater regional collaboration, identify shared opportunities in service-sector trade, and lay the groundwork for future cooperation in innovation-led economic development.

Speakers:

Jason Madill,Global Coordinating Service Partner and Director, EY Canada

Bridgitte Anderson, President & CEO, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

Eve Lieberman, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT)

Keivan Hirji, Director External Relations & Communications for Canada | Newmont Corporation

Royce Chwin, President Destination Vancouver

Speaker Bios:

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Bridgitte Anderson, President & CEO, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

Bridgitte Anderson is the President and CEO of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade – Western Canada's most active business association, known for influencing decision-makers, and educating, connecting with, and engaging our communities.

Bridgitte is the first woman to lead the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade in its 137-year history. She is committed to building a more competitive and sustainable economy while evolving the Board's programs to foster a more diverse and inclusive region.

Her career has focused on public policy, business, and journalism. Prior to Bridgitte's current role, she was the Vancouver General Manager for Edelman, a global public relations firm advising clients on crisis communication, media strategy, and government and stakeholder relations. Following a 20-year career in journalism, Bridgitte served as Press Secretary to BC Premier Gordon Campbell, leading communications strategy for the Premier during the 2010 Winter Olympics and the 2009 BC election.

Bridgitte is a Board Director at Invest Vancouver and holds the ICD.D designation from ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program and the IAP2 Certification in Public Participation.

Eve Lieberman, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT)

Eve Lieberman was appointed by the Governor to serve as the Executive Director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) in January 2023. She works alongside OEDIT staff across eleven divisions and in collaboration with economic development partners across the state to promote economic growth and long-term job creation through funding and financial programs, training, consulting and informational resources across industries and regions. Under Eve's leadership, OEDIT updated its mission to "empower all to thrive in Colorado's economy," advancing the state's commitment to building an economy that works for everyone."

As Executive Director, Eve has championed economic competitiveness programs that ensure businesses of all sizes have access to capital and robust talent pipelines that train Colorado's workforce in in-demand skills. Under her leadership, Opportunity Now Colorado is training 20,000 Colorado workers in new skills so they can access good-paying jobs that support families. She has also led OEDIT staff to implement programs to increase the state's supply of affordable and attainable housing so Coloradans can live in communities they love and close to their jobs.

Together with OEDIT staff, Eve has developed and advanced strategic partnerships with higher education, private industry, startup incubators, and state and federal agencies to secure once-in-a-generation federal funding opportunities and grow Colorado's advanced industries. In addition to securing federal CHIPS funding for the state's semiconductor industry, these efforts were instrumental to the designation and funding of the Elevate Quantum Tech Hub and the selection of the Colorado-Wyoming Climate Resilience Engine for federal funding—both coalitions headquartered in Colorado and projected to create 32,000 jobs.

Throughout this work, Eve remains committed to building a Colorado for all. Colorado is among the first states to implement a model of economic development planning that incorporates regional goals and outcomes into statewide strategies. This work has included the development and implementation of regional economic

development plans, with special emphasis on supporting rural communities and regions transitioning their economies from coal production.

Prior to OEDIT, Eve served as the Chief Policy Advisor and Legislative Counsel for Governor Jared Polis for all four years of his first term. She managed the legislative, policy and federal affairs teams and oversaw many successful initiatives, including the passage of Free Full Day Kindergarten, implementation of universal preschool, historic investments in transportation and economic recovery programs.

Eve also served over ten years on Capitol Hill, working as Chief of Staff for then-Congressman Polis who represented the 2nd Colorado Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Eve also served on the Rules Committee in her capacity working for another senior member of Congress. Eve earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and attended law school at the George Washington University Law School, completing her Juris Doctorate in 2011. During her time in law school, Eve served as a Law Clerk for the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, for a DC Superior Court Judge, the House Judiciary Committee and the US Department of Justice. Eve lives in Denver with her husband and two children.

Keivan Hirji, Director External Relations & Communications for Canada | Newmont Corporation

Keivan is an expert in corporate affairs and sustainable natural resource development. He has held senior political, public service, and private sector roles where he has worked to responsibly bring Canadian commodities to world markets while ensuring local communities were involved in decision-making and benefited from resource development. Keivan is currently Director, External Relations & Communications for Canada with Newmont. In this role, he leads government relations, Indigenous relations, and major strategic initiatives across North America and provides expert counsel to senior executives. Keivan also sits on the board of the Mining Association of British Columbia, on the Public Affairs and Indigenous Relations Committees for Mining Association Canada, and serves as the Board Vice-Chair of YMCA BC.

Keivan holds a Masters in Global Business through a joint program between University of Victoria, University of Glasgow, and Chulalongkorn University of Thailand and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science through University of Victoria. He also holds a Certificate in Mining Law through Osgoode Law School and a Certificate in International Trade through the Forum for International Trade Training and Export Development Canada.

Royce Chwin, President Destination Vancouver

Prior to joining Destination Vancouver, Royce was President & CEO of Travel Alberta, an award-winning Provincial Crown Corporation responsible for the development and promotion of Alberta, Canada as a premier tourism destination.

As Executive Director, Global Brand Integration at the Canadian Tourism Commission, Canada's national tourism marketing agency, he led the Commission's international brand and creative strategy. A career highlight was bringing the 'Canada. Keep Exploring' brand to life for millions of viewers of the successful Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Royce spent the previous 20 years in the retail and hospitality industries in management and leadership positions leading and executing many aspects of business strategy and operations.

SEABUS

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
1:00 to 1:30 p.m.
Waterfront Terminal/ to Lonsdale Quay and Lower Lonsdale

The SeaBus is a scenic 12-minute passenger ferry operated by TransLink that connects downtown Vancouver with North Vancouver's vibrant Lower Lonsdale district. More than just a commuter route, the SeaBus offers sweeping views of Burrard Inlet and the Coast Mountains, creating a memorable first impression for those arriving to explore North Vancouver's cultural and economic hub.

As part of TransLink's commitment to reconciliation and placemaking, the terminals and vessels feature Indigenous public artworks that honor the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. This daily journey across the water is not only a sustainable transportation solution, but a symbolic connector—bridging urban development, cultural heritage, and community life across the region.

NORTH VANCOUVER DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Lunch at Joey's Shipyards followed by Shipyards Tour and Panel

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Panel Overview:

Join us for an afternoon exploring North Vancouver's dynamic urban transformation, anchored in the Shipyards District—an award-winning waterfront revitalization that blends heritage, innovation, and community. This program will convene civic and business leaders shaping the future of Lower Lonsdale for an exchange of ideas over lunch, followed by a guided site experience.

Guests & Speakers:

Mayor Linda Buchanan, City of North Vancouver

Jeffrey Busby, Chief Operating Officer, TransLink

Reid Shier, Director, The Polygon Gallery

Adrien Byrne, Manager, Stakeholder & Community Relations, Seaspan Shipyards

Jon Bevan, Executive Director, Lower Lonsdale Business Improvement Area
https://lonsdalequay.com/revitalization/

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Speaker Bios

Mayor Linda Buchanan, City of North Vancouver

Linda Buchanan is serving her second term as Mayor of the City of North Vancouver. Prior to being elected Mayor, Linda was a public health nurse for 30 years, working with children and families. She also served two terms as a City Councillor and a term as a School Board Trustee.

Her goal is to build an inclusive and healthy community for all people. By focusing on shared prosperity, mobility, sustainability, vibrancy, and people-friendly places, Linda aims to improve livability across the City. Linda has championed making the City of North Vancouver 'the Healthiest Small City in the World' and has put the health and wellbeing of residents at the heart of her decision-making.

Adrien Byrne, Manager, Stakeholder & Community Relations, Seaspan Shipyards

Adrien is a public and government relations professional with over 18 years' experience working in the government, not-for-profit, and corporate sectors. In his capacity with Seaspan, Adrien manages the regional stakeholder and community relationships in British Columbia for Canada's leading shipbuilding and ship repair company.

He is presently a member of the executive committee and Treasurer of the Lower Lonsdale Business Improvement Association (LLBIA) in the City of North Vancouver; and Chair of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee.
Adrien holds a Master of Politics and Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Science from Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

Reid Shier, Director, The Polygon Gallery

Reid Shier is the Director of The Polygon Gallery, North Vancouver, where he led the development of its new $20M facility, designed by Patkau Architects, which opened in 2017. Previously known as Presentation House Gallery, Shier has been Director since 2006. He previously held positions as Chief Curator of the Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, Toronto (2004-06), Curator of the Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, (2002-04), and Director/Curator of the artist run Or Gallery, Vancouver, (1996-2002). Shier has curated over eighty exhibitions including Stan Douglas' exhibition *2011 ≠ 1848*, Canada's representation at the 2022 Venice Biennale of Art.

Jeffrey Busby, Chief Operating Officer, TransLink

Jeffrey Busby is an accomplished transportation executive with extensive experience in overseeing major transit projects and infrastructure development. Currently serving as Chief Operating Officer at TransLink since November 2009, responsibilities include managing a $17 billion asset portfolio and a $700 million annual capital program aimed at enhancing regional transportation initiatives. Previous roles within TransLink involved directing transit project planning and implementation, managing multi-modal transportation networks, and leading engineering and infrastructure management teams. Before TransLink, experiences included strategic planning for the Chicago Transit Authority and consulting for PB Consult. Jeffrey Busby holds a Master of Science in Transportation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Colorado School of Mines.

Jon Bevan, Executive Director, Lower Lonsdale Business Improvement Area
Bevan brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge, having previously served as the Vice President of Hagars Liquor Store and 1st Cannabis. He is a dynamic leader with a passion for community development and an unwavering commitment to fostering positive change.

Under Mr. Bevan's leadership, the Shipyards District BIA will continue to support and advocate for local businesses in the area. The BIA's core functions include promoting economic development, enhancing the physical environment, and engaging with the community to create a vibrant and welcoming business district.

One of the key ways the BIA promotes economic development is by supporting local businesses through initiatives such as marketing campaigns, business training programs, and networking events. Additionally, the BIA works to enhance the physical environment of the district through beautification projects, street-scape improvements, and public art installations.

The BIA also serves as a liaison between businesses and the community, advocating for the needs of local business owners and ensuring that their voices are heard. This includes engaging with the public to promote the district's unique offerings and attractions, as well as facilitating partnerships between businesses and community organizations.

In summary, the Shipyards District BIA, under the leadership of Jon Bevan, is dedicated to promoting economic development, enhancing the physical environment, and engaging with the community to create a thriving and welcoming business district. With Mr. Bevan's extensive experience and passion for community development, the BIA is poised to continue making significant strides in promoting the growth and success of local businesses in the North Vancouver area.

FLOWING CULTURES: Festivals as Economic Catalysts

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
The Polygon Gallery

Panel Overview:

As Sundance Film Festival embarks on a new chapter in Colorado, Indian Summer Festival continues to expand the boundaries of cross-cultural storytelling in Vancouver, Outside Festival redefines outdoor culture through experiential media, and Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Week reclaims fashion as a platform for Indigenous empowerment—festivals today are dynamic engines of regional development, global connection, and cultural transformation. This timely conversation brings together the creative visionaries behind these groundbreaking events to explore how festivals can activate place, inspire international audiences, and build lasting networks across sectors and geographies.

Together, these leaders will examine how festivals serve as platforms for identity expression, economic growth, and creative diplomacy—reshaping not only how we gather, but why it matters.

Speakers:

Opening Remarks: Reid Shier, Director, The Polygon Gallery

Moderator: Monika Szewczyk, Curator, The Polygon Gallery; Co-curator, Documenta 14

Sirish Rao, Co-Founder, Indian Summer Festival; Interim CEO, Vancouver Art Gallery

Conor Hall, Director of Outdoor Recreation Industry, State of Colorado and Founder Outside Festival

Emma Lancaster, Executive Director of the Eastside Arts Society

Caroline Phelps, General Manager, Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Week

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Speaker Bios:

Monika Szewczyk is Audain Chief Curator at The Polygon Gallery since 2023. Born in Szczecin, Poland, Szewczyk [pron. shef-chick] moved at a formative age to the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations also known as Vancouver, Canada. Her lifelong interest in art- and/as history-making has evolved in close collaboration with

artists, poets, activists, and archivists whose methods vary, but who all tend to reimagine structures and reinvent traditions as they negotiate belonging to more than one place, people and culture. After gaining early experience at The Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery and Vancouver Art Gallery she was Head of Publications at the Witte de With Center for Contemporary Art in Rotterdam (now Kunstinstituut Melly) (2008-2011); Visual Arts Programme Curator at the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, University of Chicago (2012-2014); one of the curators for documenta 14 in Kassel and Athens (where she was based), and Director of de Appel Art Center in Amsterdam (2019-2022). Throughout she continued to lecture, advise and lead seminars at Emily Carr University in Vancouver, Piet Zwart Institute in Rotterdam, Bergen Academy of Art and Design, the University of Chicago and as the 2022/2023 Quis Research Fellow at the Hochschule für Bildende Künste–Städelschule and Goethe Universität in Frankfurt.

Sirish Rao, Co-Founder, Indian Summer Festival; Interim CEO, Vancouver Art Gallery

Sirish Rao is an internationally recognized arts leader, writer, and cultural innovator. A trained Himalayan mountain guide, Sirish seeks adventure, embraces risk, and holds a deep respect for the natural world in all the work he does. He has founded multiple cultural organizations and initiatives across Asia, Europe and North America and is a risk-embracer known for experimentation, innovation and driving social and systemic change. Since 2023, Sirish has been a part of the senior leadership team at the Vancouver Art Gallery in the newly created role of Director of Public Engagement & Learning. In this role, he participates in collaborative organizational leadership to create paths that share perspectives and build and engage communities. Sirish is responsible for oversight of all areas in which the Gallery intersects with the public and all earned revenue, across educational initiatives, multi-disciplinary programming, audience development, retail and events. He is tasked with nurturing and growing a local and global network of cultural partners, and leading emergent initiatives such as the Art & Wellbeing Lab and the Centre for Global Asias.

Sirish has been named to Vancouver Magazine's Power 50 list (2025) and is a recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal for significant contributions to Canada.

Emma Lancaster, Executive Director of the Eastside Arts Society

Emma Lancaster is a senior arts professional with a special focus on events, exhibitions, and community engagement. She is a 30-year industry veteran with extensive scope of responsibility, proven success, and track record of providing communications, fundraising, and event production advice and execution; drafting plans and strategic priorities for a wide variety of clients; and pairing audiences, sponsors, funders, and artists with partners to help them reach mutual goals.

She has worked with a who's who of Vancouver arts organizations, including Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival, the Arts Club, Vancouver Opera, the Cultch, DanceHouse, Vancouver Latin American Cultural Centre, the Firehall Arts Centre, Coastal Jazz and Blues Society, NewWorks, Music on Main, the PuSh Festival, and many more. She's currently the Executive Director of the Eastside Arts Society, producers of the iconic Eastside Culture Crawl and the Eastside Arts Festival.

Conor Hall, Director of Outdoor Recreation Industry, State of Colorado and Founder Outside Festival

Conor hails from the mountains of Southwest Colorado. During his career he has served as a Senior Advisor to Governor John Hickenlooper and Mayor Michael Bloomberg and helped create billions of dollars in public

funding for conservation, climate and more equitable access to nature during his time at the Trust for Public Land. In early 2022, he was appointed by Governor Polis to lead the Colorado Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry. He is an avid outdoorsman and proudly serves on a number of boards including Better Together Denver, Stand for Courage and the Colorado Outdoor Equity Fund.

Caroline Phelps, General Manager, Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Week

Caroline Phelps, whose ancestral name is QwAACWA from Ahousaht, BC, is of Nuu-chah-nulth, Stó:lō, and of Hawaiian descent. She is deeply committed to creating safe and empowering spaces for Indigenous artists, with a strong focus on advancing financial prosperity, economic sovereignty, and cultural self-determination. Caroline is a tireless advocate for Indigenous representation and leadership across the creative industries, working to ensure that Indigenous voices are not only heard but thrive. She currently serves as the General Manager of Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Week, is a board member of Canoe Cultures, and is the owner of TATUS Talent Agency and President of the Board for TATUS Creative Society. Through her work, Caroline continues to uplift Indigenous communities and support the next generation of creators and leaders.

DIASPORA STORIES: Dinner & Talks

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Anh and Chi

Event Overview:

Join us for an intimate evening of storytelling and culinary exploration at Anh and Chi, one of Vancouver's most beloved family-run restaurants. This special dinner will feature reflections by Amelie Nguyen, co-owner of Anh and Chi, her brother Vincent Nguyen, and a guest chef whose work is shaped by migration, memory, and identity.Through food and conversation, we'll explore how the Vietnamese diaspora—and other immigrant communities—have transformed not only recipes, but the cultural and economic fabric of the cities they call home. From generational resilience to reimagined traditions, the evening will highlight how restaurants become powerful sites of belonging, entrepreneurship, and narrative.

Speakers:

Amélie Thuy Nguyen
Co-founder & Creative Director, Anh and Chi & Good Thief
Founder & CEO, Me's Marketplace by Anh and Chi & The Colour Yellow

Amélie Thuy Nguyen is a local Vancouver restaurateur and creative. With a Bachelor in Human Biological Sciences and Master of Global Public Health, she has worked in various countries and contexts, in health policy, health equity and community engagement. Amélie co-founded one of Vancouver's hottest and beloved 3 x Michelin Bib Gourmand restaurants, **Anh and Chi**, and their lat cocktail bar **Good Thief**. She is passionate to gather and amplify IBPOC stories through community collaborations, creative arts, film, and food -- starting with her family's heirloom recipes. Amelie recently founded storytelling agency, **The Colour Yellow**, and provisions arm of her family's business - **Me's Marketplace by Anh and Chi** - crafting small batch, locally-made artisanal sauces for retail across North America. During her free time, she writes, directs and hosts culinary and neighbourhood tours, and spends the rest of her time outdoors with her two daughters skiing, biking and eating their way around the world.

Vincent Nguyen
Co-founder & COO, Anh and Chi & Good Thief
Forty under 40, Business in Vancouver
Vincent Nguyen's journey is a testament to family, passion, and innovation. Growing up in Vancouver's Mount Pleasant neighbourhood, he began his restaurant career at his family's beloved Pho Hoang. After studying medicine in Australia, he returned home to honour his late father's legacy, reimagining Pho Hoang with his mother Ly and sister Amelie into **Anh and Chi**—a vibrant, modern Vietnamese restaurant. Amid the pandemic, Vincent's leadership successfully pivoted Anh and Chi to takeout, solidifying its place as a staple for at-home dining. His creativity shines in his latest venture, **Good Thief**, a *nhậu* and cocktail bar blending global flavours with Vietnamese culture. Under his guidance, Anh and Chi earned MICHELIN recognition, multiple hospitality awards, coupled with Vincent's recent naming as BC's 2024 Rising Star in the Restaurant Hall of Fame. With over $440,000 raised for local nonprofits through initiatives like the Reservation by Donation Program, Vincent continues to lead with purpose, shaping the future of his family's legacy and Vancouver's culinary and business scene.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: Sustainable Urbanism

Thursday, June 12, 2025
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
UBC Faculty of Forestry

Panel Overview:

As environmental pressures mount and urban populations surge, cities must evolve to meet the demands of a more climate-conscious future. This panel convenes pioneering voices from architecture, engineering, and public policy to explore the transformative potential of sustainable design—particularly through the lens of wood-based construction and regenerative urban planning.

Panelists will delve into innovative approaches that not only reduce carbon emissions and environmental impact, but also center community well-being, cultural continuity, and ecological resilience. From mass timber innovations to policy frameworks that enable sustainable development, this conversation examines how the built environment can become a tool for healing and regeneration in a rapidly changing world.

Speakers:

Robert Kozak – Dean, Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia

Michael Sutherland –Transit-Oriented Communities Director, Hatch

Shonda Wang – Principal, SvN

Zahra Teshnizi – Senior Planner, City of Vancouver

Paul Fast – Founder, Fast + Epp

Speaker Bios:

Robert Kozak – Dean, Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia

Rob Kozak is a Professor and Dean at the UBC Faculty of Forestry and the former Associate Dean, Academic and Head of the Wood Science Department.

His current research and teaching interests, as part of the *Forests and Communities in Transition Lab*, revolve around sustainable business management practices and issues and providing business-based solutions to complex problems related to sustainable development, forestry, wood products, and the emerging conservation economy.

Currently, his work focuses on the wellbeing of forest-dependent communities, international development and poverty alleviation strategies, forest certification, corporate social responsibility, and forest sector sustainability and competitiveness. He has published and presented his work widely, and is actively involved in service to the university and the broader academic community.

In recognition of his work, he was awarded the International Union of Forest Research Organization's *Scientific Achievement Award* in 2014, a *Doctor of Agriculture and Forestry honoris causa* from the University of Helsinki in 2021, and is a two-time recipient of the *Killam Teaching Prize* in 2001 and 2014.

Michael Sutherland – Transit-Oriented Communities Director, Hatch

Paul Fast – Founder, Fast + Epp
As founder of Fast + Epp, Paul is passionate about design excellence. He has been recognized for his unconventional use of materials, emerging as a leader in architecturally exposed structures, often pushing the design envelope to create hybrids of timber, concrete and steel.

A registered engineer in Canadian, American and German jurisdictions, Paul was named an Honorary Member of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia and a Fellow of the Institution of Structural Engineers in the United Kingdom in 2010. In September 2021, Paul was awarded the 2021 Gold Medal from the Institution of Structural Engineers for his exceptional contributions to the advancement of structural engineering.

Shonda Wang – Principal, North America Cities + Mobility, SvN

Shonda Wang has more than thirty years of experience in community development and large-scale urban regeneration projects. With a thorough understanding of the complexity of all the component parts of urban design, Shonda specializes in developing connections between the public realm, the built environment, and urban infrastructure— most notably, transportation infrastructure. Her district and neighbourhood planning projects have created walkable and thriving communities.

As Principal at SvN, Shonda is the North America Cities + Mobility Lead. Since joining the firm in 2012, Shonda's leadership has seen the firm expand its cross-disciplinary practice in Ontario, British Columbia, Mexico and California.

Shonda's work has won several awards for urban design. She has served as a trusted strategic advisor to prominent clients in both the private and public sector. She has led numerous pivotal and award-winning transportation and mobility-related projects, and she is known for her ability to direct complex, large-scale mobility and transit-oriented development (TOD) projects from concept design to construction, frequently leading engagement with multiple levels of stakeholders, including municipal, provincial and regional

governments, landowners, and the public. She has advised both public- and private-sector clients, including multiple State/ Provincial Ministries, Transit Agencies, Municipal clients and interdivisional committees.

Shonda holds a Master of Science from the London School of Economics and Political Science, as well as a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of British Columbia. She is a Registered Professional Planner and member of the Canadian Institute of Planners. She currently serves as Vice Chair for the ULI Americas Transit Oriented Development Product Council and is a member of ULI's Women's Leadership Initiative Champion Team, the American Public Transportation Association and the TOD Steering Committee, Lambda Alpha International and the MPACT National Steering Committee.

Zahra Teshnizi – Senior Planner, City of Vancouver

VOICES OF THE LAND: Indigenous Knowledge & Stewardship

Thursday, June 12, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Museum of Anthropology at UBC

Visit Overview:

Join us for a guided visit to MOA, located on the traditional territory of the Musqueam people. Guests will experience the iconic Great Hall—featuring monumental carvings and canoes—as well as contemporary exhibitions that amplify Indigenous voices and worldviews, offering rich context for discussions on cultural stewardship and sovereignty.

Curator:

Dr. Sue Rowley, Curator of Public Archaeology, Director at Museum of Anthropology

Susan Rowley is an associate professor in the Department of Anthropology and a curator at the Museum of Anthropology (MOA) at the University of British Columbia. She holds a Ph.D. in archaeology from Cambridge University. She first travelled north in 1974 as a field assistant on an archaeological excavation in northern Baffin Island and was captivated by the people and the land. Sue has worked with Inuit elders on historical research and with Inuit youth on archaeology projects. She is currently working with First Nations communities in British Columbia. Since 2005 she has been the Museum of Anthropology's member on the Steering Group of the Reciprocal Research Network (www.rrncommunity.org). In 2015 she was a member of the curatorial team for c̓əsnaʔəm, the city before the city and co-curated the exhibition at MOA.

CRAFTED LOCALLY: Lunch & Conversations

Thursday, June 12, 2025
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Lunch at Alimentaria Mexicana followed by Granville Island Public Market Meet and Greet

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Event Overview:

Join us for lunch at Alimentaria Mexicana at Granville Island Public Market, where delegates will gather over meal and connect with local artisans, small businesses, and specialty vendors that showcase the creativity and cultural diversity of British Columbia's maker economy. After lunch, enjoy a self-guided exploration of the market at your own pace.

Guests:

Tom Lancaster, GM, Granville Island
David McCann, GM, Creekhouse Industries
Raine Mckay, Executive Director, Craft Council of BC
Chris/Austin Szentveri, PaperYa Owners
Justin Muir, Executive and Artistic Director, Malsapina Printmakers
Masa Shiroki, Owner, Founder and Artisanal Sake Maker, Osake Craft Sake
Jeff/Margaret Pratt - Owners of Aquabus since 1985
Peter Cathie White - Executive Director, Arts Club Theatre

About the Venue:

Granville Island is a dynamic cultural district renowned for its rich tapestry of artisan workshops, galleries, theaters, and the bustling Public Market. Once an industrial manufacturing area, it has been transformed into a vibrant hub where locals and visitors alike gather to experience the city's creative spirit. The Public Market serves as the heart of the island, offering an array of fresh produce, gourmet foods, and handcrafted products. With its scenic waterfront views, lively atmosphere, and diverse array of local businesses, Granville Island embodies the artistic and entrepreneurial energy that defines Vancouver.

PRESCRIBING HEALTH: Art, Nature & Belonging

Thursday, June 12, 2025
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Arts Umbrella

Panel Overview:

This panel will explore how health foundations, arts organizations, and public policy leaders can work together to enhance mental health, environmental health, and community well-being. Experts from diverse sectors will discuss cross-sector partnerships, the impact of creative interventions in healthcare, and scalable strategies for addressing public health challenges through the integration of arts and health initiatives.

By bringing together leaders from arts, medicine, philanthropy, and policy, this session will highlight best practices, successful case studies, and actionable insights to strengthen collaborations that improve holistic well-being.

Speakers:

Dr. Maryam Zeineddin, Founder, Zili Health

Paul Larocque – President & CEO, Arts Umbrella

Erin Brown – Chief Impact Officer, The Colorado Health Foundation

Melissa Lem – PaRx Director, BC Parks Foundation

Paula Toledo – Well-being consultant, Founder Ode to Wonder

Speaker Bios:

*(Moderator)***Dr. Maryam Zeineddin, Founder, Zili Health**

Dr. Zeineddin (she/her) earned her medical degree from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and received her Fellowship in the College of Family Physicians of Canada. She is a business owner and family physician located in West Vancouver, where she has a special interest in preventative health and lifestyle counselling. Dr. Zeineddin is the founder and chair of a preventative health platform called Zilicare: bringing tools and insights on how to take ownership of one's mental and physical health.

She is a frequent CBC health contributor and speaker on resiliency, mental health, and gender equity. Dr. Zeineddin is an avid teacher and clinical instructor for the UBC Family Practice and Medical programs. She also sits on the board of directors at BC Family Doctors and UBC Medical Alumni Association, and is one of the Chief Negotiators for Doctors of BC.

Paul Larocque – President & CEO, Arts Umbrella

Paul Larocque has had a career in the arts and cultural sector spanning more than three decades, and continues to be committed to promoting the importance of the arts and arts education in our communities. Paul is currently the President & CEO of Arts Umbrella—an internationally recognized leader in the area of arts education for young people. He has led the 46-year-old non-profit organization through a period of significant growth, notably, with the opening of its 72,000 square-foot centre on Granville Island in 2021. Prior to his current role, Paul held the position of Associate Director at the Vancouver Art Gallery for more than a decade.

For several years, Paul has served as a mentor and a volunteer with the Loran Scholars Foundation, the McCall MacBain Scholars program, and the Business / Arts Emerging Leaders program. For more than 20 years, Paul has been an active member of Chor Leoni, an internationally recognized choral ensemble.

In 2023, Paul received an honorary doctorate degree, Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, from Capilano University in recognition of his commitment and contributions to the arts and culture sector. Paul was awarded a similar honorary degree from Emily Carr University in 2025 for his dedication, achievements, and service in the arts sector.

Erin Brown – Chief Impact Officer, The Colorado Health Foundation

Erin Brown currently serves as the Chief Impact Officer for The Colorado Health—the largest foundation in the state of Colorado and one of the largest health philanthropies in the nation, with assets of over $2 billion to drive health equity for the people of Colorado. She brings to this role more than 25 years of leadership experience directing community initiatives and civic programs and oversees all programmatic strategies related to grantmaking, impact investing and policy advocacy in service of the Foundation's mission to improve the health of Coloradans.

Erin previously served as the Vice President of Community Investment and Impact for the Foundation where she oversaw the deployment and impact of grants and community investments across the state.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Erin was the Deputy Chief of Staff for the City and County of Denver under Mayor Michael B. Hancock and held an expanded role as Denver's first Chief Equity Officer. As an appointed official for three consecutive administrations, Erin provided bold and forward-thinking leadership and was instrumental in building a system of collaboration among community members and organizations, local municipalities, businesses and city agencies.

An advocate for children and families in Denver, Erin previously led Denver's Office of Children's Affairs, accomplishing city-wide goals to improve outcomes for children and youth. In her capacity as executive director, Erin worked to improve quality and increase access to experiences that ensure all children and families have the resources and opportunities to succeed in school, in the workplace and in a global society, regardless of race, ethnicity, income or disability.

Erin also held the roles of Deputy Director for Denver Parks and Recreation, the Director of Resident Services for Kappa Management, Vice President of Programs and Development for the Urban League of Metropolitan Denver and Executive Director for the YMCA of Metropolitan Denver.

Today, her work and leadership are guided by the essence of a quote from President Barack Obama, "No matter who you are, what you look like, where you come from, you can make it. That's an essential promise of America. Where you start should not determine where you end up."

Erin grew up in southern Colorado and currently resides in Denver. She is a committed community advocate and strives to be "a voice for the voiceless.

Paula Toledo. (Founder) Ode to Wonder, Well-being Consultant

Paula Toledo is a well-being strategist, TEDx speaker, artist, and a trusted advisor to leaders reimagining the future of work, health, and belonging. She holds an advanced degree in the science of well-being and is a certified advisor from the Canadian Mental Health Association, specializing in Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace. Paula supports organizations in designing, implementing, and evaluating evidence-based well-being frameworks that cultivate trust and enhance organizational resilience.

Paula is at the forefront of the social prescribing movement, co-leading the Vancouver Art Gallery's *'Art of Wellbeing Lab'* alongside interim co-CEO Sirish Rao. She has played a key role in launching the Gallery's groundbreaking partnership with the BC Parks Foundation's PaRx – the world's first initiative to unite a national nature prescription program with an arts institution, offering new models of healing through mindful engagement in the natural environment and within a nature-inspired art exhibition.

Melissa Lem – PaRx Director, BC Parks Foundation

Dr. Melissa Lem is a Vancouver family physician who also works in rural and northern communities within Canada. Director of PaRx, Canada's national nature prescription program powered by the BC Parks Foundation, and President of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, she is an internationally recognized leader in the field of nature and health.

As a widely published writer, climate change panellist on CBC Radio's Early Edition, in-house medical columnist for CBC TV Vancouver, and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia, one of her major priorities is knowledge translation. She is currently a co-investigator and advisor on two international nature prescription research projects (PANDA and RESONATE) with total funding of $10M+.

Dr. Lem was named to Vancouver Magazine's Power 50 List in 2025, recipient of a King Charles III Coronation Medal, the 2024 Canadian Eco-Hero Award, a 2024 YWCA Women of Distinction Award and 2022 Adult Nature Inspiration Award from the Canadian Museum of Nature, and also sits on the Advisory Committee of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas Health and Well-being Specialist Group.

TIDES OF TRADE, ROOTS OF TRADITION: A Waterfront Perspective

Thursday, June 12, 2025
7:15 p m to 10:00 p.m. *(board at 6:45 pm)
Coal Harbour - The Marina (1601 Bayshore Drive)

Event Overview:

Join fellow delegates for a relaxed and scenic 3-hour cruise departing from Vancouver's Coal Harbour. This sunset experience offers a moment to unwind, connect, and take in the coastal beauty that defines the region. With cocktail hour and dinner served onboard, the evening will flow with informal conversation, a keynote, and live music—creating space for reflection, celebration, and shared perspective as we sail past the city, sea, and forest.

Keynote Speaker:

Am Johal, Board Chair, VIFF

Am Johal is Director of SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement and Co-Director of SFU's Community Engaged Research Initiative. He has additional affiliations with SFU departments including Graduate Liberal Studies, Centre for Dialogue, Labour Studies and the Institute for the Humanities. He has been on the boards of the Vancity Community Foundation, Bloom Group, Indian Summer Arts Society, 221A, the Or Gallery and the City of Vancouver's Arts and Culture Committee. He is the co-author of 'Global Warming and the Sweetness of Life: A Tar Sands Tale' with Matt Hern and Joe Sacco.

About the Route:

Departing from the Coal Harbour, the route offers sweeping views of Vancouver's skyline, the forested edge of Stanley Park, and the dramatic rise of the North Shore mountains. Cruising beneath the Lions Gate Bridge, the vessel glides along the Salish Sea towards West Vancouver. The journey culminates at the historic **Point Atkinson Lighthouse** in Lighthouse Park—an iconic landmark perched on granite cliffs, surrounded by coastal rainforest. Along the way, guests may spot seals, seabirds, and other marine life that animate this unique stretch of Pacific shoreline.

DESIGNING THE FUTURE: Disruption & Creativity

Friday, June 13, 2025
9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Emily Carr University of Art + Design
In Partnership with Emily Carr University of Art + Design and Creative BC

Panel Overview:

Design is no longer just a discipline—it's a tactic for reimagining how we live, work, and build systems. In an era shaped by rapid technological shifts and fractured institutions, this panel explores how creative thinking is becoming essential infrastructure for business, education, and workforce development.

Hosted at Emily Carr University and moderated by Creative BC's CEO r Prem Gill, this conversation brings together cultural leaders who are redefining the role of design—from immersive media and Indigenous futurism to corporate storytelling and civic imagination. How can post-secondary institutions, government and industry collaborate to grow not just the economy, but the people who shape it?

Speakers

Dr. Trish Kelly – President, Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Prem Gill – CEO, Creative BC

Hannah Abuzaineh – Purpose-Led Brand + Impact Strategist

Loretta Sarah Todd – Founder & Creative Director, IM4 Media Lab

Laura Kozak – Design Researcher and Assistant Professor, Emily Carr University

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Speaker Bios:

Dr. Trish Kelly (Introductory Remarks), President of Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Dr. Trish Kelly was appointed VP Academic + Provost at ECU in 2019. Prior to that, she held a series of administrative roles, including Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at the university. Kelly holds a PhD from the University of British Columbia, an MA from Tufts University, and a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design. Before coming to ECU, she was an Associate Professor at DePaul University in Chicago.

As an art historian and educator, Kelly's writings on contemporary art have been published in various peer-reviewed venues, including Art Journal, American Art, the Journal of Curatorial Studies, and The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics, and Culture. Her research involves a range of subjects, including minimal art and abstraction, art and politics, alternative art networks, and time and duration in new media production. Throughout, an interest in viewership and art-making as a form of knowledge production is central. Currently, she is working on a book project titled On-Site: Art, Politics, and Viewers (New York, circa 1970), exploring

modes of critical and embodied viewership explored in artist-run centres and alternative art networks of the early 1970s.

Kelly is committed to collaborative and inclusive leadership models and has served on various Boards and advisory committees, including the Food Stash Foundation, which champions food security, zero waste, and sustainable agriculture; and the Academic Committee of GNW Trust, committed to inclusive and participatory partnerships between post-secondary institutions.

Prem Gill *(Moderator)*, CEO, Creative BC

Prem Gill is the Chief Executive Officer of Creative BC, the agency designated by the Province of British Columbia to unite, sustain, and grow the province's dynamic and diverse creative sector. This includes motion picture, music and sound recording, interactive and digital media, and magazine and book publishing.

An acclaimed sector leader, Prem has been recognized among The Most Powerful Women in Canadian Entertainment by The Hollywood Reporter, named to Vancouver Magazine's Power 50 list, the Business in Vancouver BC500, and received the Community Catalyst Award from the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade. She brings over 20 years of experience in the digital media and entertainment industries to her role as CEO, where she leads the delivery of programs and services that advance B.C.'s creative economy to reach its economic, social and creative potential both at home and globally.

Prior to joining Creative BC, Prem spent eight years at TELUS, most recently as Director of Production & Original Programming. There, she led the development and launch of TELUS STORYHIVE and the Optik TV community channel, initiatives that continue to support emerging creators and diverse storytelling.

A long-time champion of Canadian IP and domestic creators, Prem has represented the sector to media, industry, and all levels of government. Her previous work spans government and regulatory affairs, independent media consulting, cross-platform marketing, communications, research, public affairs, and multicultural programming.

Prem currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Bell Fund and the BC Tech Association. She also chairs the Association of Provincial and Territorial Funding Agencies and sits on the City of Vancouver Mayor's Business Growth Task Force.

Hannah Abuzaineh, Purpose-Led Brand + Impact Strategist

Hannah Abuzaineh is a storyteller, social impact strategist, and community connector driven by empathy in action. From producing documentary-style programming in South Korea to leading impact initiatives at The North Face, Hannah's career reflects a deep commitment to equity, belonging, and systems-level change. Her work bridges media, corporate responsibility, and grassroots organizing—bringing heart-centered strategy to every space she enters.

Loretta Sarah Todd, Filmmaker

Loretta Sarah Todd is a visionary in Indigenous media and a trailblazer in immersive technology. A respected artist with entrepreneurial energy and deep cultural knowledge, she is the Founder and Creative Director of the

IM4 Media Lab—an Indigenous-led XR lab advancing Indigenous expression in creative extended reality (XR). Through the IM4 Lab, she has established a vital platform where Indigenous creators receive hands-on training, develop original XR works, and shape emerging technologies rooted in Indigenous values, science, and storytelling.

Her first feature film, Monkey Beach, based on the novel by Eden Robinson, launched to both critical and audience acclaim—screening at TIFF, opening VIFF, and sweeping drama categories at the American Indian Film Festival and the Red Nation Film Festival, including Best Film and Best Director. It held the distinction of being the #1 Canadian film at the box office for four consecutive weeks.

Ms. Todd has directed over 75 projects spanning award-winning documentaries (Forgotten Warriors, Hands of History, Today is a Good Day), digital media, games, apps, and animation. She also creates, produces, and showruns television series across genres, including Indigenous youth and children's programming (Nehiyawetan, Coyote Science, Fierce Girls) and the sci-fi martial arts series Skye and Chang.

A tireless advocate for Indigenous talent, she builds pathways for Indigenous cast, crew, and creatives—shaping space for Indigenous production while also authoring influential essays on media, sovereignty, and representation. She was instrumental in establishing the Indigenous Arts Centre at the Banff Centre and now leads the IM4 Lab as a beacon of Indigenous innovation and tech leadership.

Ms. Todd was a Fellow with the inaugural Indigenous Delegation to the Co-Creation Studio at MIT, sponsored by the Indigenous Screen Office, and her seminal work Aboriginal Narratives in Cyberspace was published with MIT Press. A sought-after speaker, she has shared her insights at VIFF Immersed, the Global AR/VR Summit, Kidscreen, the Museum of Modern Art, and the United Nations' International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

Laura Kozak, Research Associate, Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Laura Kozak is a design researcher, community organizer and Assistant Professor at Emily Carr University. Her work focuses on relational, place-based ethics, and asks how designers contribute to relationships with communities, land, water and ecological beings through decolonizing and anti-oppression practices. She is currently co-leading the Circular Food Innovation Lab in collaboration with numerous food businesses, food rescue organizations, local Nations, and City of Vancouver Engineering Services to address pervasive challenges of food insecurity and food waste. An affiliate of Emily Carr's DESIS Lab, Laura has published and presented papers internationally at PDC2020 (Participatory Design Conference), Nature: Climate Action, PIVOT: A World of Many Centers, Cumulus and ServDes.

FOUNDATIONS OF WELL-BEING: Intergenerational Policy & Housing

Friday, June 13, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Chinatown Storytelling Centre

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PRESERVING CHINATOWN: Lunch & Conversations

Friday, June 13, 2025
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Chinatown

Panel Overview:

What does it take to build a city where housing is more than shelter—and where care, culture, and community are built into the very fabric of urban life?

This timely conversation brings together changemakers working at the intersection of housing innovation, cultural preservation, and social equity. From transitional housing and community land trusts to support for single mothers and cultural districts, panelists will explore bold models that prioritize belonging over displacement, and healing over fragmentation.

Together, they'll examine how strategic investments in housing and social infrastructure can foster generational resilience—and what it means to reimagine urban well-being through the lens of inclusion, dignity, and care.

Speakers:

Peter Kaldes- President & CEO, Next 50

Carol Anne Lee – Chair, Vancouver Chinatown Foundation

Andrea Thomas Hill - Founder & Chair, Cause We Care Foundation

Brian McBay – Executive Director, 221A

Armin Amrolia – Deputy City Manager, City of Vancouver

Speaker Bios:

Peter Kaldes- CEO & Founder, Next 50

Peter Kaldes is the CEO and President of Next50, a national foundation in Denver, Colorado, focused on making it more affordable to age. Since joining in 2023, he has brought a global and entrepreneurial approach to Next50's grantmaking and impact investing, strengthening nonprofit organizations and driving systemic

change to create a world that values aging. Previously, he led the American Society on Aging, the nation's largest professional association in aging, expanding its membership, reach and influence. His career spans leadership roles in global philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase, economic policy in the Obama White House as well as in international trade law. A charismatic and inclusive leader, he frequently speaks on aging, impact investing, policy, and technology at major forums and in the media. Kaldes holds degrees from Tufts University and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and speaks Greek and German.

Carol Anne Lee – Chair, Vancouver Chinatown Foundation

With long-standing family ties to the history and development of Chinatown, Carol is deeply committed to the revitalization of Chinatown and the Downtown Eastside. She is the co-founder and chair of Vancouver Chinatown Foundation, a registered charity which is dedicated to building a more resilient and inclusive community while preserving its irreplaceable cultural heritage. Ongoing projects include affordable housing, seniors housing, and cultural and economic development. Carol is the chair of UBC Properties Trust and the Honorary Patron of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society. Carol serves on several other boards and organizations including the BC Achievement Foundation, National Coalition Against Anti-Asian Racism, and Harvard Business School Canadian Advisory Board. In 2021, she was awarded the Order of British Columbia. In 2022, she was the recipient of the YWCA Icon Award and the VPD Jim and Vicky Chu Community Safety Leader Award. In 2023 she was appointed to the Order of Canada, and the Independent Advisory Board Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments. Carol is also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from the University of British Columbia and an Honorary Doctorate of Technology from BCIT and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Since 2024, Carol Lee has been recognized with a series of prestigious honours, including the UBC Alumni Achievement Award for Alumni of Distinction and the Business in Vancouver Influential Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award. In August 2024, she was also awarded the King's Coronation Medal. In 2025, Carol earned the top spot on Vancouver Magazine's "Power 50" list, marking her tenth consecutive year on the list.

Andrea Thomas Hill - Founder and Chair, Cause We Care Foundation

Brian McBay – Executive Director, 221A

Brian McBay (he/him) is Executive Director of 221A, a Vancouver-based cultural research and cultural space operator. Under his leadership, 221A and 221A Artist Housing Society operates a growing network of over 140,000ft² across nine properties that provide non-market artist housing, artist studios, and cultural programming.

As a student Co-founder of 221A during the height of the 2007-08 global economic crisis, he is part of a new generation of leaders in the cultural sector aiming to advance the public appreciation of the arts while also reversing deepening inequality, xenophobia, and colonialism in Canada.

Armin Amrolia – Deputy City Manager, City of Vancouver

Armin Amrolia is the Deputy City Manager for the City of Vancouver, where she leads key portfolios including Real Estate, Environment, and Facilities Management (REFM). Her work spans the city's real estate assets, civic facility development, zero waste initiatives, and building operations. Armin also oversees the newly created Vancouver Housing Development Office (VHDO), which advances middle-income housing and supports the development of supportive, affordable, and social housing in partnership with provincial and

federal governments. She works closely with the Indigenous Relations group to implement UNDRIP and strengthen relationships with the Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

Before joining the City in 2021, Armin spent 32 years at BC Housing, where she served as Associate Vice President of Development Strategies. There, she led the delivery of 28,000 homes for seniors, families, Indigenous communities, women fleeing violence, and other equity-denied groups—averaging 3,500 new homes annually across more than 65 communities. She was instrumental in initiatives such as the HousingHub and public housing redevelopment projects. A recipient of multiple leadership awards, Armin holds a degree in Political Science from Simon Fraser University.

CORPORATE PURPOSE: Social Innovation Investments

Friday, June 13, 2025
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
TELUS Garden

Panel Overview:

What does it mean to lead with purpose in today's economy—and how do values shape where and how capital is deployed? This conversation brings together executives from telecom, finance, healthcare, and consumer goods to explore how purpose-driven leadership is reshaping industries and influencing investment decisions.

From corporate venture funds investing in climate solutions, to hospitals reimagining philanthropy for systemic change, and companies centering social good alongside growth, these leaders are proving that purpose is not a side project—it's a competitive strategy.Bridging perspectives from British Columbia, Colorado, and beyond, this session will spotlight innovative approaches to embedding equity, sustainability, and community well-being into business models and financial systems across the Americas.

Speakers:

Kim Rapagna – Global Director, ESG, Telus Digital

Coro Strandberg – President, Strandberg Consulting

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Coro Strandberg – President, Strandberg Consulting

Coro Strandberg is President of Strandberg Consulting and a trailblazing Canadian strategist in social purpose, sustainability, and ESG. With over 35 years of experience across business, government, and the non-profit sector, she works with boards, industry associations, and governments to embed purpose-driven strategies that address social and environmental risks while advancing long-term value. She is a cofounder and current Chair of the Canadian Purpose Economy Project and cofounder of the United Way BC Social Purpose Institute. A former Board Chair of Vancity Credit Union, Coro helped position the institution as a global leader in sustainable banking during the 1990s. She currently serves on the board of BC Lottery Corporation and several national sustainability advisory committees.

An expert in transformational sustainability, Coro advises organizations on integrating purpose across strategy, governance, operations, procurement, HR, finance, and risk. She works with industry associations to help entire sectors become more sustainable and supports governments in leveraging business for public good. A faculty member with Governance Professionals of Canada and the Director's College, she trains directors and governance professionals on purpose and sustainability oversight. Coro was named Canada's top sustainability consultant by Clean50 in 2015 and publishes her thought leadership at corostrandberg.com

Angela Chapman – CEO, VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation
Angela has been a champion of transformational change through philanthropy in education, research, and healthcare on three continents for more than three decades. Since 2020, Angela has served as the President & CEO of the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, the primary philanthropic partner of Vancouver Coastal Health. She originally joined the Foundation in 2013 as Senior Vice-President of Philanthropy and became Chief Development Officer in 2018.

Prior to returning to her native Vancouver, Angela was the Director of Advancement & Campaign at the National University of Singapore, where she developed and executed Asia's first billion-dollar fundraising campaign.

The VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation is the leading charity investing in healthcare innovation in British Columbia. The Foundation brings together donors and leading clinician-researchers to change the standard of care, improve healthcare delivery, and save lives.

Angela has volunteered her time with various community and professional organizations, including serving on the Board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (Canada), the Audit & Finance Committee of the GNW (Great Northern Way) Trust, and the Regional and Civic Affairs Committee of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade.

She holds a BA (Honours) in History and Russian from McGill University and an MBA from Université Laval.

Ka-Hay Law – Partner & Investment Director, TELUS Pollinator Fund for Good

Ka-Hay sources, evaluates, and executes on investment opportunities that align with the Fund's sustainability and sustainable agriculture sectors and leads the development of the Fund's impact management practice.

Prior to joining TELUS, she was the vice-president of Impact and Investments at the Lundin Foundation. She was instrumental in transforming the Foundation into a respected impact investor and strategic sustainability resource for the Lundin Group of Companies. Ka-Hay brings 10 years of international impact investment experience investing in agriculture, financial inclusion and low-carbon solutions. Ka-Hay found her passion for impact when she worked for Engineers Without Borders and has called Ghana, Zambia and Kenya home.

Allison Barrett – Director of Public Relations and Government Affairs - Central Region, Swire Coca-Cola

Allison is the Director of Public Relations and Government Affairs, Central Region, for Swire Coca-Cola, USA. Allison oversees federal, state and local government relations, local community activations and relationships, and serve as a media spokesperson and "face" of Swire Coca-Cola with key stakeholders across eight states. Allison also supports the region leadership team with communication needs and emergency response.

Allison has a decade of public affairs experience. She previously served as the Director of Government and Community Affairs for VISIT DENVER. Prior to VISIT DENVER, Allison served as Director of State Relations for the University of Colorado Office of Government Relations. Allison also served on staff for U.S. Senator Cory Gardner as his State Scheduler.

Allison attended the University of Kansas where she received dual Bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science. She later attended the University of Denver's Korbel School of International Studies where she received a Master of Public Policy. Allison is also a graduate of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Impact Denver Program, the Downtown Denver Partnership's Leadership Program, and the University of Colorado's Excellence in Leadership program.

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