



GOVERNORS' GALA AND RIX AWARDS

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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The Westin Bayshore - Bayshore Grand Ballroom



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HONOURING

2025 RIX AWARD FOR COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP



Bob Rennie, O.B.C.

2025 RIX AWARD FOR CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS INDUCTEE



Juggy Sihota-Chahil

MENU

WINE PAIRINGS

Mission Hill 2022 Reserve Merlot
Mission Hill 2022 Reserve Pinot Gris

APPETIZER

Maple Roasted Beets with Granola Salad (V)
Ruby and Golden Beets, Baby Mixed Greens, Fresh Goats' Cheese Labneh, Savoury Granola, Grape Tomatoes, Fresh Mint Leaves, Herb Oil, Zaatar

ENTRÉE

24-Hour Beef Short Rib (GF, NF)
Braised Certified Angus Beef Short Rib, Sweet Potato Purée, Charred Broccolini, Baby Carrots, Cilantro Chimichurri, Pickled Shallots, Red Wine Jus

VEGETARIAN ENTRÉE

Cauliflower Steak (V, GF, DF, NF)
Roasted Cauliflower, Maple Dijon Glaze, Pumpkin Seeds Romesco, Puy Lentils, Chimichurri, Candied Pepitas

RBC DESSERT RECEPTION

An Assortment of Sweet Indulgences



Greater Vancouver Board of Trade acknowledges that our office is located on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Selilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for the privilege of working, learning, and living in this place and acknowledge their continued resilience, sustainable stewardship, and community activity for generations to come.

AGENDA



CHRIS GAILUS

News Hour Anchor, Global BC News

Territory Welcome

DENNIS JOSEPH

Squamish Nation

Welcome Remarks

THE HONOURABLE WENDY COCCHIA, C.M., O.B.C., LL.D. (Hon)

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THE HONOURABLE DAVID EBY

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President & CEO, Vancouver International Airport

Rix Award for Community Citizenship

BOB RENNIE, O.B.C.

JASON MCLEAN,

CEO, Mclean Group

Entertainment

GROOVE & TONIC

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ABOUT THE GOVERNORS' GALA

The Greater Vancouver Board of Trade's first Governors' Gala took place in 1987, in celebration of the organization's 100th anniversary.

In the 38 years since, our members and guests gather each spring for a black-tie gala to celebrate the contributions of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade's past chairs — known collectively as the Governors. Tonight, we honour Juggy Sihota-Chalil and induct her into the prestigious Council

of Governors. We use the occasion of the Governors' Gala to present the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade's highest honour – the Rix Awards – to deserving citizens and companies for exemplary contributions to British Columbia and Canada.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Juggy Sihota-Chahil (2023-24)

Radha Curpen (2022-23)

Kirsten Sutton, ICD.D (2021-22)

Brent Cameron (2020-21)

Kari Yuers (2019-20)

Lori Mathison (2018-19)

Anne Giardini, O.C., O.B.C., Q.C.,
(2017-18)

Robin Silvester, ICD.D (2016-17)

Tim Manning, O.B.C. (2015-16)

Hon. Janet Austin, O.B.C. (2014-15)

Elio Luongo (2013-14)

Ken Martin (2012-13)

Hon. Wendy Cocchia, C.M., O.B.C.,
LL.D. (Hon) (2011-12)

Jason McLean (2010-11)

Sue Paish, Q.C. (2009-10)

Dr. Don Rix, C.M. O.B.C. (2008-09)

Henry K.S. Lee (2007-08)

Frank Borowicz, Q.C. (2006-07)

Daniel F. Muzyka (2005-06)

Graeme A.G. Stamp (2004-05)

Jeff Dowle (2003-04)

Peter Legge, O.B.C. (2002-03)

Carole Taylor, O.C., O.B.C. (2001-02)

Harri Jansson (2000-01)

T. Richard Turner (1999-2000)

A. Allan Skidmore (1998-99)

Robert A. Fairweather (1997-98)

Brandt C. Louie, O.B.C. (1996-97)

Wayne A. Nygren (1995-96)

Jill Bodkin (1994-95)

George F. Gaffney (1994)

Iain J. Harris (1993-94)

David G. McLean, O.B.C., LL.D., F.ICD
(1992-93)

Larry I. Bell, O.B.C. (1989-90)

Peter H. Hebb (1988-89)

Bob Kadlec (1987-88)

Graham Clarke (1986-87)

Arthur Hara, O.C. (1985-86)

Allen M. Fowlis (1984-85)

Donald C. Selman (1978)



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' INDUCTEE 2025: **JUGGY SIHOTA-CHAHIL**

The Greater Vancouver Board of Trade extends its gratitude to Juggy Sihota-Chahil who served as Chair of the Board in 2023-2024. During her tenure, the Board of Trade achieved record membership retention and growth rates. The organization also had the highest member satisfaction rates in recorded history of the Board of Trade.

Juggy oversaw the creation and adoption of a new three-year strategic plan that prioritizes economic prosperity, a strong community and innovation. Juggy enabled the Board of Trade to continue its advocacy work on issues important to members which included a reduction in the Employer Health Tax to ease the burden on businesses. The organization also produced several reports that caught the eye of media and government, most notably Benchmarking Vancouver, a report which assessed how the Greater Vancouver region measures up to leading international peer cities in areas of economic performance, infrastructure and sustainability, and liveability.

Juggy has ensured GVBOT is in a strong financial position and equipped to continue to be a powerful advocate, strong community builder and convener.

GVBOT is pleased to welcome Juggy into the Council of Governors.



Juggy Sihota-Chahil

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS'
INDUCTEE 2025



ABOUT THE RIX AWARDS



The Rix Awards are an initiative of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, presented in honour of the late Dr. Don Rix, who served as Chair of the organization in 2008-09. Award recipients are chosen each year by a special selection committee of the board of directors, based on a number of criteria.

THE RIX AWARD FOR COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP

This award is given to a visionary - an individual who applies their exceptional skills, talents and drive to making a positive impact in society. Hallmark characteristics of community citizenship include trust, purpose, connectedness, leadership, social capital, passion, empathy, ethics, and responsibility.

Community citizenship is about engaging on important issues and making a meaningful personal investment in the betterment of society. It means prioritizing the collective needs of the community and fighting tirelessly to secure a bright future for everyone.

PAST RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

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| 2024 - Ratana Stephens , O.B.C. and Arran Stephens , O.B.C. | 2017 - Michael Audain , O.C., O.B.C. and Yoshiko Karasawa |
| 2023 - Wendy Cocchia , C.M., O.B.C., LL.D. (HON.) and Sergio Cocchia , O.B.C., LL.D. (HON.) | 2016 - David Podmore , O.B.C., MA (Esc.), D.TECH. (HON.), MCIP (RPP), FRI, RIBC |
| 2022 - Chief Wayne Sparrow | 2015 - Carole Taylor , O.C., O.B.C. |
| 2020-21 - Joe Segal , C.M., O.B.C., C.B.H.F., O.ST.J., LL.D. (Hon.) | 2014 - David McLean , O.B.C., LL.D., F.ICD |
| 2019 - Robert, H. Lee O.C. O.B.C. and Lily Lee | 2013 - Terence Hui |
| 2018 - Gordon Diamond , O.B.C., LL.D. and Leslie Diamond , O.B.C. | 2012 - Peter M. Brown , O.B.C., LL.D. |
| | 2011 - Brandt C. Louie , O.B.C., LL.D., FCA |
| | 2010 - Jimmy Pattison , O.C. O.B.C. |

THE RIX AWARD FOR CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

This award is given to an enterprise that demonstrates, both in policy and practice, the highest standards of stewardship towards the long-term well-being of customers, employees, owners, business partners, the environment and the broader community.

The following criteria must be met:

- CUSTOMER FOCUS - Fostering a commitment of excellence towards customers.
- OUTREACH - Giving back to the broader community and partnering with others to make a better world.
- ENVIRONMENT - Demonstrating care for the environment and actively pursuing sustainable practices.
- INTERNAL - Looking after employees and creating a fun, challenging and rewarding place to work.

PAST RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

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| 2024 - Odium Brown | 2015 - Global BC |
| 2023 - White Spot | 2014 - Vancouver Fraser Port Authority |
| 2022 - London Drugs | 2013 - TELUS Corporation |
| 2020-21 - Canadian National Railway | 2012 - Teck Resources |
| 2019 - Ledcor | 2011 - Vancity |
| 2018 - Beedie | 2010 - RBC Royal Bank |
| 2017 - Whistler Blackcomb | 2009 - Vancouver International Airport |
| 2016 - FortisBC | |

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Through a variety of donations, sponsorships, and volunteering programs they plan, by 2030, to invest a further \$30 million into community organizations around the globe, taking their total to \$60 million since starting this initiative in 2007. Stantec has supported over 40 non-profit organizations and post-secondary institutions across British Columbia through financial contributions and employee volunteer opportunities encouraged through their Dollars for Doers program and Stantec in the Community Week. The firm has a passion for creating strong and vibrant communities and is proud to support these local organizations that work tirelessly to strengthen communities.



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BOB RENNIE

O.B.C.



Bob Rennie, O.B.C.

Community Citizenship



Bob Rennie will celebrate 50 years in real estate this December. He is the founder and executive director of the rennie group. The rennie brand has redefined the business of real estate, offering specialized sales, marketing, intelligence, information & technology services for over 49 years. Bob is recognized for his leadership in envisioning new and innovative strategies in development risk management and real estate marketing in the development industry. An example of his government and private engagement would be the oversight of the 2010 OLYMPIC VILLAGE receivership. Most recently, rennie was selected to represent Disney for Canadian Sales in a 600-acre development in Palm Springs.

Bob is involved in various philanthropic initiatives focused on mental health and education, along with being an active voice and member of the arts community locally, nationally,

and internationally. Bob has assembled Canada's largest contemporary art collection, recognized as one of the top 200 collections in the world for its masterpieces that explore social justice.

Bob is involved with numerous boards and executive committees. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, including Head of Major Gifts at VGH and Chair of the Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics. He holds leadership roles in prominent art institutions, including President of the Tate Museum's American Acquisition Committee and Chairman of the Collections Committee at the National Gallery in Washington DC, was on the Board of Trustees of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he was chair of modern and contemporary acquisitions for nine years, is the recipient of the Queen's Diamond and Golden and Platinum Jubilee



awards, and recently awarded The King Charles III Coronation Medal, and has an honorary doctorate degree from Emily Carr University.

In 2022, Bob was recognized for handing over the oldest structure in Vancouver's Chinatown, the Wing Sang building, along with a 7.8-million-dollar donation from the rennie foundation. Wing Sang was home to the rennie collection and the rennie group

of companies from 2009 to 2022 after a five-year heritage preservation. Bob, along with all 3 levels of government, attended the opening on July 1st of last year as the 1st Chinese Canadian Museum in Canada. In recognition of Canada's 150th anniversary, Bob handed over 197 artworks worth over \$13 million to the National Gallery of Canada, along with a transformational 20 million dollar gift of 46 works of art just this month.

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Vancouver International Airport congratulates the winners of this year's Rix Awards!

Thank you for working tirelessly to strengthen our community.



We are grateful for Stantec's ongoing support and look forward to many more years of partnership.



Bob Rennie

Congratulations on this achievement and your lasting impact on the community.



Special congratulations to Juggy Sihota-Chahil for her induction into the esteemed Council of Governors.

We are fortunate to have Juggy's leadership on our Board of Directors. Her insights, dedication and commitment continue to strengthen YVR, benefiting both our community and the economy.





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Bob Rennie for being honoured with the Rix Award for Community Citizenship

Stantec for being honoured with the Rix Award for Corporate Citizenship

and **Juggy Sihota-Chahil** for their induction to the Council of Governors

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Congratulations to the 2025 Rix Awards recipients!

We are proud to honour you this evening and recognize your contributions to the BC community.

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