



# Business Distinction Awards

— 2026 —

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# Business Distinction Award 2026

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Welcome to the 2026 Business Distinction Awards, presented by the Scale-up Centre for SMEs at the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade.

Now in its fifth year, the Business Distinction Awards recognize businesses that have gone above and beyond to set themselves apart in the Greater Vancouver region in the areas of growth, employee engagement, community impact, sustainability, and more.

Nominations were collected during the spring and reviewed and shortlisted by the Scale-up Centre for SMEs Advisory Committee which is comprised of GVBOT members from a myriad of sectors and industries, representing the diversity of the Greater Vancouver business community.

We hope you enjoy the evening and  
are inspired by the stories of resilience,  
growth and entrepreneurship.

Nominations for the 2027 Business Distinction Awards will open in early 2027 and we invite you to nominate an outstanding business.



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### Welcome Remarks

Host, **Rosine-Hage Moussa**, Director of Events, Programs and EDI Initiatives, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

Territory Welcome, **Tyson Nahanee**, Knowledge Holder, Squamish Nation

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



### 2026 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Solomon Wong



### BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: 1-20 EMPLOYEES

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*Finalists:*

Cool Heat Truck Parts | Indigenous Iron Construction Inc. | VEGAIN Nutrition Inc.



### BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: 21-250 EMPLOYEES

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*Finalists:*

Affinity Group | Canpac Marine Services Inc. | ETRO Construction



## EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

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*Finalists:*

Charter Project Delivery Inc. | Destination Vancouver | Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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*Finalists:*

Forest Bean | Hyfluence Systems Corp | Windset Farms



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*Finalists:*

Beatdapp | Chinese Canadian Museum | Fantuan



## NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

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*Finalists:*

The Kettle Society | Vancouver Chinatown Foundation | Vancouver Food Runners

## **2026 Business Distinction Awards Judges**

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade thanks the following judges who participated in the final selection process:

**Doug Chiu, Hammerco Lawyers**

**Connie Chong, Langara College**

**Mark Fernandes, BC Securities Commission**

**Suzanne Girard, Pacific Yacht Charters**

**Rosine Hage-Moussa, GVBOT**

**Trevor Koot, BC Real Estate Association**

**Yat Li, Accessible Employers, operated by Open Door Group**

**Simone Lis, Better Business Bureau**

**Michele Matthews, AG Care**

**Kim Osborne, Chemistry Consulting Group**

**Martin Parry, BDC**

**Christian Ratcliffe, St.Paul's Foundation**

**Ramin Shadmehr, FDU**

**Devon Thompson, RBC**

**Andy Tran, YMCA**

**Sherry Zhao, Kalino Bio**

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The Scale-up Centre for SMEs (SCS) is an initiative of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade. The SCS works to understand the trends, forces, and issues impacting SME growth, innovation, and competitiveness and develops programming and policy to address these issues. Based on the goals of helping companies to discover gaps, engage with experts, and create solutions to address obstacles to growth, the SCS connects, educates, and inspires SMEs in British Columbia.

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## SCALE UP CENTRE FOR SMEs ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade thanks the members of the 2025-26 SCS Advisory Committee for their contributions towards the 2026 Business Distinction Awards.

### SCS Executive Committee 2025-26

|                       |                              |                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sherry Zhao</b>    | Kalino Bio                   | Co-chair             |
| <b>Suzanne Girard</b> | Pacific Yacht Charters       | Co-chair             |
| <b>Golriz Fattahi</b> | Alacrity Canada              | Co-Vice Chair        |
| <b>Joel Peterson</b>  | Arbutus Search               | Co-Vice Chair        |
| <b>Meredith Moll</b>  | Destination British Columbia | Immediate Past Chair |

### SCS Advisory Committee 2025-26

|                        |                            |                       |                        |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>AJ Beaudry</b>      | MNP                        | <b>Simone Lis</b>     | Better Business Bureau |
| <b>Angela Cengarle</b> | Ladder Up Inc.             | <b>Marcelo Mora</b>   | Mitacs                 |
| <b>Doug Chiu</b>       | Hammerco Lawyers           | <b>Melanie Ramsey</b> | Rubicon Organics       |
| <b>Amy Fell</b>        | BCIT                       | <b>Emma Richmond</b>  | TEC Canada             |
| <b>Chris Hobbs</b>     | TTT Studios                | <b>Alain Rivère</b>   | CBRE                   |
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