

# News release

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## News release: GVBOT announces 2023-24 Board of Directors

**VANCOUVER, B.C.** — The Greater Vancouver Board of Trade appointed its 2023-24 board of directors today during its 136<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

Juggy Sihota-Chahil, Chief Growth Officer, TELUS Health has assumed the role of Chair of the organization for the 2023-24 year, while Walter Pela, Regional Managing Partner, KPMG, has been appointed to the role of Senior Vice-Chair.

In total, the board contains 35 B.C. business leaders spanning a wide range of industries and sectors. The new board of directors met the requirements contained in the Government of Canada's 50-30 challenge, which was adopted in January 2021, achieving gender balance and significant representation of under-represented groups.

A high-resolution image of the 2023-24 board is available for download [here](#).

See the full list of directors and their bios at [boardoftrade.com/directors](https://boardoftrade.com/directors).

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### About the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade:

Since its inception in 1887, the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade has been recognized as Pacific Canada's leading business association, engaging members to positively impact public policy at all levels of government and to succeed and prosper in the global economy. With a Membership whose employees comprise one third of B.C.'s workforce, we are the largest business association between Victoria and Toronto. We leverage this collective strength, facilitating networking opportunities, and providing professional development through unique programs. In addition, we operate one of the largest events businesses in the country, providing a platform for national and international business and thought leaders to further enlighten B.C.'s business leaders.

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# 2023-24 Board of Directors

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Chair

Juggy Sihota-Chahil  
Chief Growth Officer  
TELUS Health

### Senior Vice-Chair

Walter Pela  
Regional Managing Partner  
KPMG

### Vice-Chair

Stuart Louie  
Co-President  
London Drugs Group

### Vice-Chair and Finance and Audit Committee Chair

Diana Vuong, CPA, CA  
Vice President, Finance and Chief  
Financial Officer  
Vancouver Airport Authority

### Secretary-Treasurer

Todd Shewfelt  
Regional Vice-President, Business  
Financial Services  
RBC Royal Bank

### Policy Council Chair:

Brad Eshleman  
Corporate Director

### Member at Large

Jennifer Foster  
SVP, Human Resources & Corporate  
Affairs  
Western Forest Products

### Member at Large

Jodi Evans  
Managing Partner  
Deloitte BC

### Member at Large

Susannah Pierce  
President and Country Chair, GM  
Emerging Energy Solutions  
Shell Canada

### Immediate Past Chair

Radha Curpen  
Vice Chair, Vancouver Managing  
Partner and National Leader ESG  
Strategy & Solutions  
Bennett Jones LLP

### President and CEO

Bridgitte Anderson ICD.D  
Greater Vancouver Board of Trade

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Katherine Angus  
JOEY Restaurants

Roberto Aquilini  
Aquilini Group

Colin Bosa  
Bosa Properties Inc.

Christian Chia  
OpenRoad Auto Group

Edoardo de Martin  
DIGITAL

Peter Dhillon  
Richberry Group of Companies

Richard Eppich  
Ebco Group of Companies

David Garofalo  
Gold Royalty Corp.

Terry Hui  
Concord Pacific Developments Ltd.

Kirk LaPointe  
Business in Vancouver Media Group

Miranda Lam  
Acuitas Therapeutics Inc

Michele Matthews  
AG Hair

Jennifer McCarron  
Thunderbird Entertainment Group

David McKenna  
Rocky Mountaineer

Dr. Gail Murphy  
The University of British Columbia

Tracy Redies  
Science World

Charlene Ripley  
Teck Resources

Lorne Segal, O.B.C.  
Kingswood Properties Ltd.

David Seymour  
Microsoft Vancouver

Anna Stukas  
Carbon Engineering Ltd.

Lisa Tuningley  
T-RAIL Products Inc

Mindy Wight  
Nch'kaŷ Development Corporation

Kay Wong-Alafriz  
Kabam

Peter Xotta  
Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

Dr. Jeff Zabudsky  
BCIT



# New Director Bios

## **Katherine Angus – Chief Financial Officer, JOEY Restaurant Group**

As Chief Financial Officer for JOEY Restaurant Group, Katherine Angus oversees Finance, Construction, Design, and Real Estate for the growing company. Katherine has been with JOEY Restaurant Group for 16 years, during which time the sales have increased over six-fold. Currently, Katherine works closely with the executive team at JOEY Restaurant Group to set strategy and focus on developing leaders. The company has been named a Best Workplace by Great Place to Work Canada for fourteen consecutive years and currently has 49 locations across Canada and the United States.

Katherine graduated from Simon Fraser University with a Bachelor of Business Administration. She is an FCPA, FCA having articulated at KPMG and is also a Chartered Business Valuator and a Chartered Director (The Directors College). Katherine is a past member of the Investigations Committee of the Chartered Public Accountants of British Columbia and currently sits on the Disciplinary Committee. She's recently been named as one of the 2023 Top 25 CFOs of Vancouver by Finance and Investing as well as a Top 25 Executive of Vancouver for 2023 by C-Suite Spotlight.

In her personal life, Katherine loves playing soccer and pickleball as well as spending time with her three children.

## **Jodi Evans – Vice Chair, Deloitte Canada**

Jodi is a Vice Chair for Deloitte Canada. She is responsible for working with the partner team to grow and develop the market in the BC region through relationship building and driving value for our clients. Her focus is on creating Impact through Brand and Eminence and long-term value creation.

Jodi has developed her career by teaming with client executives in pursuing excellence. She is known for working collaboratively with her clients to address complex challenges and transformation initiatives. Integrity and leadership are the cornerstones of Jodi's practice with a passionate focus on her client's success. Jodi has a client base that ranges from global companies with complex business models to large public sector organizations and higher education institutions.

Jodi is a people leader who gains inspiration from working with the young, energetic, bright minds that Deloitte attracts and the expertise and knowledge of Deloitte's deep eminence nationally and globally.

Once part of Canada's Olympic basketball team and a Rhodes Scholar, Jodi's continues to be dedicated to achieving team results and has a deep passion for personal excellence.

Jodi completed a B.Comm from the University of Calgary and a PhD (D.Phil) from Oxford University.

## **Charlene Ripley – Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Teck Resources**

Charlene Ripley was appointed Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Teck in January 2023.

Prior to joining Teck, Ms. Ripley was Executive Vice President and General Counsel at SNC-Lavalin. Her previous roles include Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Goldcorp, Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Linn Energy and Vice President General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer at Anadarko Petroleum Corp. Ms. Ripley currently serves as an independent director of Keyera Corp. and on the National Board of the Canadian Heart & Stroke Foundation.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction from the University of Alberta and a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie Law School. Her professional memberships include the Law Societies of British Columbia and Alberta and the Texas State Bar.



**Mindy Wight – Chief Executive Officer, Nch'kay Development Corporation**

Mindy Wight is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Nch'kay Development Corporation, the economic group of the Squamish Nation. She previously held the role of Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board of Directors for Nch'kay. She currently serves on the Board of Crescent Point Energy.

Before joining Nch'kay, Mindy was a partner and National Leader of Indigenous Tax Services for MNP LLP. She has over eighteen years of experience in the areas of financial accounting, taxation, and business, having worked for two of the Big Four national accounting firms, the Chartered Accounting School of Business and the Canada Revenue Agency.

Mindy graduated from the University of Northern British Columbia with a Bachelor of Commerce in accounting. As well, she holds a certificate from Harvard University's executive education program Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities. Mindy possesses Chartered Professional Accountant, Chartered Accountant, and Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager designations, and has recently completed the ICD-Rotman Directors Education Program. Mindy is a member of the Squamish Nation.

**Kay Wong-Alafriz – Chief Financial Officer, Kabam**

Kay is the CFO of Kabam, Inc. and has led Legal, Data Science and Data Analytics, Information Technology, Growth Marketing, Workplace Experience and Asset Infrastructure teams. Kabam, Inc. is a world leader in developing entertaining, immersive, and highly social multiplayer games. They merge consumer behavior with the art of game design to create experiences enjoyed by millions of players across the globe. Kay is passionate about championing a collaborative, operational approach for the finance and shared services functions that leverages technology and data to drive decision-making.

As an experienced, high-integrity strategic partner, Kay utilizes a broad array of finance and operations experience in the technology, entertainment, gaming, hospitality, transportation, infrastructure, and mining & exploration sectors to support public, private and not-for-profit companies in achieving their corporate goals. She currently serves as a Board Director at The Planting Hope Company (CVE: MYLK), not-for-profits DigiBC – The Creative Technology Association of BC and Vancouver Community College Foundation. She has served on numerous boards for over two decades within international organizations NagaCorp Ltd. (HKEx Stock Code: 03918), Ding He Mining Holdings Ltd. (HKEx Stock Code: 705) and Vitaxel Group Ltd. (US OTC: VXEL), and at the federal level of Canada, Infrastructure Canada, Government of Canada. In 2023, she was named one of the top 25 CFOs in Vancouver in Finance & Investing, a leading research firm run by a seasoned team of editors, writers, and media professionals who are highly knowledgeable in finance and investing. Kay was recognized as the top influential business leader under the Digital Media category in Business in Vancouver's BC500 list in 2022 and 2023.

As an ICD.D (Institute of Corporate Directors Corporate Governance College), Kay excels at energizing financial leadership by navigating the complexities of the financial landscape, translating financial data into actionable strategies, and transforming vision into results. Providing strategic guidance toward innovation and growth, her enthusiastic entrepreneurship reflects an uncompromising dedication to the economic well-being of the organizations and communities she serves. First and foremost a passionate connector of teams and people, she takes pride in building meaningful relationships with stakeholders of all levels and functions, and instilling empowering environments in which everyone can thrive and contribute to the achievement of a common mission. With a strong passion for growing stakeholder engagements and strategic partnerships, Kay hopes to effectively support initiatives aimed at fostering economic development and community prosperity in Vancouver.

**Dr. Jeff Zabudsky – President, British Columbia Institute of Technology**

Dr. Jeff Zabudsky has over 30 years of experience within post-secondary and polytechnic leadership roles, both in Canada and internationally. Throughout his career, he has championed applied education as a transformative instrument to enrich lives and contribute to thriving communities.

Prior to his appointment as President of the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), Dr. Zabudsky was Provost for the American University of Bahrain, having also served as CEO for Bahrain Polytechnic. Before his career took him to the Middle East, Dr. Zabudsky was President and Vice Chancellor for Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. He has also served as President and CEO of Red River College Polytechnic and Vice President, Academic at Sault College of Applied Arts and Technology.