

About Carol Anne Lee

With long-standing family ties to Chinatown, Carol Anne Lee is dedicated to its revitalization and to strengthening the Downtown Eastside. As co-founder and Chair of the Vancouver Chinatown Foundation, she leads transformative initiatives across housing, cultural preservation, and community engagement.



Under her leadership, Bob & Michael's Place and the May Wah Hotel provide dignified homes and community for 350 residents and seniors, while the Chinatown Storytelling Centre, the first permanent cultural hub of its kind in Canada, connects generations through storytelling. The Foundation's signature events, including Light Up Chinatown! drive economic vitality to the neighbourhood, welcoming over 25,000 visitors each year.

A business and community leader, Carol combines entrepreneurial success with a lifelong commitment to giving back. She currently serves as Chair of UBC Properties Trust and on several boards, including the BC Achievement Foundation and as Honorary Patron of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society. She has also served on the UBC Sauder Faculty Advisory Board and the Powerhouse Project Fundraising Committee, and helped fund the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre in honour of her family's legacy.

Her achievements have been widely recognized, including the UBC Alumni Achievement Award, Business in Vancouver's Influential Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award, and the King's Coronation Medal (2024). In 2025, she topped Vancouver Magazine's "Power 50", marking her tenth consecutive year on the list, and in 2026 she was inducted into the Power 50 Hall of Fame.