

EDITOR'S NOTE



POWER TO THE PEOPLE

THOUGH THIS IS my first issue of Vancouver in the role of editor-in-chief—hi, hello, thank you, thank you—I've been working for this family of magazines since 2010, worming my way into the building through an internship at *Western Living* and then refusing to leave.

So I've actually had the pleasure of witnessing more than a dozen Power 50 issues come together over the years... and because I'm nosy, I've also pored through the archives to read as far back as the very first list. What I'm saying is: maybe my new title should be "Power 50 historian" instead.

While there have certainly been some constants over the 23 years of this ranking (Jimmy

Pattison, you rascal!), I'm ultimately struck by how much our definition of "power" has changed through the decades and, in particular, over the past few years. What was once a list primarily of the rich and connected—and, to be frank, white and male—has opened its scope. I don't just mean the fact that we're seeing more women and people of colour on our list this year than ever before; we're also continuing to think critically about the different ways power manifests in this city.

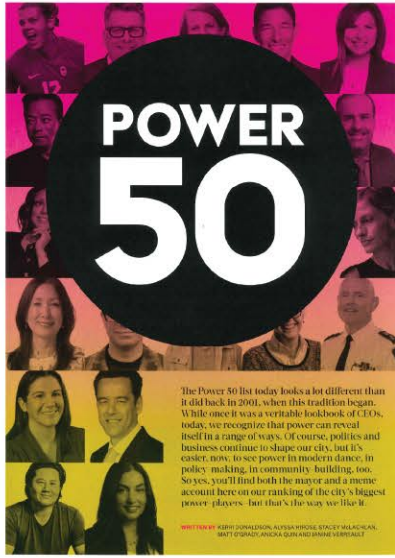
Every summer, we start the research for our Power 50 list in an environment that always fosters good conversation and rousing debate: around the dinner table. Our advisory panel (a group of hyper-connected Vancouverites, all powerful in their own right) spends hours pitching names and sharing insight, and inevitably, once the dessert plates have been cleared and the amaro has been poured, we wind up circling back to the Big Question: "What is power?"

In 2024, power isn't just about having sway in the boardroom (though we can't deny that it still carries weight). It's about the power of speaking up for the marginalized; the power of fighting for your community; the power of paving your own path; the power of arts and culture to inspire and start conversations. Looking at this year's list, full of philanthropists, activists and community builders, it's evident that we live in a city where true power isn't something you give—it's something you prep.

Speaking of giving, our readers gave us a heartwarming gift during this year's Power 50 prep. "Power is being a voice for the voiceless," you wrote. "Power is being empathetic to those who need help." "To be powerful is to support our community both economically and socially." "To improve and inspire." "To do good." You soften. If we were to have a tag to put on this list, I know it would be you.

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POWER 50

The Power 50 list today looks a lot different than it did back in 2001, when this tradition began. While once it was a veritable who's who of CEOs, today, we recognize that power can reveal itself in a range of ways. Of course, politics and business continue to shape our city, but it's easier now to see power in modern dance, in policy making, in community building, too. So yes, you'll find both the mayor and a meme account here on our ranking of the city's biggest power players. But that's the way we like it.

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Estates Gotta Eat  
Banda Vop's Phil Scarfone shares his go-to spots for chop scallop rolls, the best cut of beef and spicy noodles.

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《Vancouver Magazine》2024年2月號公佈了第二十三屆最具權威性的Power 50名人榜，持續聚焦大溫哥華地區最有影響力的人物。這是新任女主編 Stacey McLachlan 接棒後首次發佈名人榜，她在編者的話中回顧了自己24年前作為實習生加入雜誌社，見證了溫哥華的變遷。早期的Power 50榜單由白人和男性主導，如今已趨向多元化。在過去二十多年中，雜誌團隊不斷反思「Power」的定義，今年的名單包括文化、政治、商業等領域的精英，還有傑出的慈善家和社區領袖，因為如今「Power」的定義不僅取決於財富或地位，還在於理念和貢獻。

本屆Power 50名人榜特別新增了極具紀念意義的名人堂（Hall of Fame），向自創刊以來持續上榜的十五位名人表示敬意。其中，華人社區中就有三位擁有香港背景的翹楚在名人堂中熠熠生輝。首位是新時代集團創始人兼主席馮永發 Thomas Fung，他集團旗下的新時代電視及加拿大中文電台是北美華人媒體的傑出代表，其他多元化的業務對社區亦貢獻良多。第二位是加拿大協平世博集團主席許知仁 Terry Hui，他在開發萬博豪園等大型地產項目時，也重視社區參與，並擔任溫哥華貿易委員會的董事。第三位是鄭景明建築事務所的創辦人鄭景明 James

K. M. Cheng，他四十多年來以獨特的建築和城市規劃設計打造了溫哥華的都市面貌。

其他名人堂中最具影響力的人物，包括一直名列榜上的跨界產業億萬富翁 Jim Pattison、不懈努力發展運動服飾品牌的 Lululemon

2024年度《Vancouver Magazine》最具權威性的Power 50: Hall of Fame 名人榜

POWER 50 | HALL OF FAME

This year we're introducing the Hall of Fame as a way to recognize the city's most consistent and long-lasting sources of influence—the folks who have made it into the Power 50 list and time (and time) again over its 23-year history. This list acknowledges that the power these honourees hold is enduring; they've earned a permanent place above and beyond the shifting sands of the regular annual rankings.

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| <p><b>IAN GILLESPIE</b><br/>With Westbank, he's brought world-class architecture to the city for decades, and with the upcoming, culturally focused Oakridge development project, the centre of the city may just shift south.</p>   | <p><b>JIM PATTISON</b><br/>This multi-industry magnate has appeared on our Power 50 list since its inception. Now, with a \$10-billion empire to his name, we can safely set him at the top of our inaugural Hall of Fame.</p> | <p><b>THE FULLER FAMILY</b><br/>With stakes in Earl Cactus Club and Jopy, the Fullers have basically invented casual fine dining—and now that their empire has spread across Western Canada and even into Toronto, they're shaping the way the entire nation eats.</p> | <p><b>THE AQUILINO FAMILY</b><br/>Real estate, restaurants, hockey. It's the holy trinity of Vancouver life, and the Aquilinos are power players in all three industries... even when controversy comes a-knockin'.</p>    | <p><b>BOB RENNIE</b><br/>The 2023 edition of our Power 50 list named Rennie "the true who knows everyone"—he also knows real estate and modern art inside and out.</p>   |
| <p><b>MICHAEL ADAMS AND VLADIMIR KARASIK</b><br/>This power couple has re-energized Vancouver's art world with their philanthropy and business savvy.</p>  | <p><b>DAREN EASTON WHITE</b><br/>In the 23 years he's been at the helm of Telus, Easton has quadrupled the telecom company's market value to more than \$71 billion. Powerful stuff.</p>                                       | <p><b>JOEY PHELAN</b><br/>Though he's retired from politics, MacPhail remains a major influence on the city, being called on as a fixer for everything from ICBC to housing plans.</p>   | <p><b>TERRY HUI</b><br/>When he's not busy running Concord Pacific Developments, you'll find Hui working as a director for the Metro Vancouver Board of Trade or receiving yet another award for community engagement.</p> | <p><b>THOMAS FUNG</b><br/>Fung remains the go-to source of information for Vancouver's Chinese community, with his Fairchild Chinese-language TV network and radio stations ranking among the largest Asian media enterprises in North America.</p>  |
| <p><b>FRANKI GOURLA</b><br/>After building his fortune as a resource-industry investor, Gourla turned his attention to helping to grow the city's film scene; today, he continues his entrepreneurial streak with the Fire Group venture capital firm and extensive charitable work.</p> | <p><b>TARIAIA BRODMAN</b><br/>She made her first Power 50 appearance as the head of Velocity Credit Union; now, she's flying high as president and CEO of VVR.</p>   | <p><b>BRANDT LOUIE</b><br/>The CEO of H.V. Louie and chair of London Drug continues to make an impact on both the business and education worlds—his foundation provides a million dollars in scholarships to Vancouver Community College students each year.</p>       | <p><b>JAMES K.M. CHENG</b><br/>Cheng's architecture firm has defined our skyline over the past 40-plus years. Would we have our beautiful City of Glass without him?</p>   | <p><b>CHIP AND SHANNON WILSON</b><br/>This pair made Lululemon a household name, and now they're taking their impact to new territories: Shannon with technical apparel brand Kii and Ace, and Chip with the highly active Lululemon Properties.</p> |

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