

# Chinese Canadian Museum Society of BC – Directors

## John Adams (亚当士约翰)

Historian and Author

BA (UBC history), M. of Museum Studies (U of Toronto). From 1974-2004: museum and historic site curatorship and management (Burnaby Village Museum, Royal BC Museum, Heritage Branch), teaching museum studies (SFU and UVic). From 2000-present: owner/operator of Discover the Past in Victoria (historical research, writing and tours). Author of six books, including “Chinese Victoria” (2019 publication). Former president of BC Museums Association (1978-79), Victoria Historical Society (1988-90), Old Cemeteries Society (1990-1997).

## Christina Chang (張健理)

President, Hanyin Education Group; Commissioner, Ministry of the Justice, Quebec  
Aside from the education business and notary public, the key roles Christina played earlier in the communities were the Presidents of Taiwan Chambers of Commerce both in BC and Canada. Christina now is the President of Taiwan Association for Future Leaders (TAFL). TAFL is a non-profit organization under Hanyin Education Group, its mission is to help youth grow as an individual and build transferable skills in forms of leadership and teamwork.

## Tung Chan (陳志動)

Retired; Former Board Chair, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21; Former CEO, S.U.C.C.E.S.S., Former Councillor, City of Vancouver

Tung Chan, an Honorary Captain of the Royal Canadian Navy, is the former Chair of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. He is currently a board member of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education and a member of the B.C. and Yukon Provincial Advisory Committee of the Canadian Red Cross. From 2006 to 2010, Tung was the Chief Executive Officer of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. In 2002 and 2012, Tung was awarded the Queen’s Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contribution to the community. In July 2014, Tung was invested into the Order of British Columbia in recognition of his community leadership.

## Guo Ding (丁果)

Journalist, Producer of Mandarin news program at Omni BC

Guo Ding is currently a producer and host for Omni BC. Previously, he worked for several news media including Channel M, Talentvision TV (Vancouver), Mingpao Daily. Ding is the founding president of Canada Committee 100 Society, previously served as a board director for S.U.C.C.E.S.S, Mr. Ding holds his Bachelor of Arts from Shanghai Normal University and his Master of Arts from Rikkyo University, Japan. Ding is the author of books about Chinese immigration history in Canada. Ding has received several awards, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Jack Webster Award for journalism.

### **Burton Lee (李偉忠)**

Senior Consultant, Aon

Burton Lee is a Senior Consultant for Aon, a global human resource company where he provides actuarial and consulting services for a variety of clients. Previously Mr. Lee was a Consulting Actuary for Leong and Associates. Active in his community, he is Director for the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society and Treasurer for Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans In Canada, Pacific Unit No. 280. Mr. Lee is also on the Games Committee for Down Syndrome Resource Foundation. He is a Fellow with the Society of Actuaries, Canadian Institute of Actuaries and Conference of Consulting Actuaries. Mr. Lee holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of British Columbia.

### **Ted Lee (李國堂)**

CFO and Director of Destination Development, Tourism Vancouver

Ted began his career with Tourism Vancouver in 1992 and is currently the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Destination Development. As CFO, Ted provides financial leadership to the organization and works closely with the CEO and the Board of Directors. In addition to his CFO role, Ted also oversees tourism development initiatives which include visitor experience management, infrastructure and services, tourism product and industry development, community engagement and environmental stewardship.

Ted is a past chair of the Board of Directors of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden Society and he has participated in various initiatives related to the revitalization of the Chinatown community including UNESCO designation and the Chinese Canadian Museum. He has also served on various civic committees that included the North East False Creek Park Advisory Committee. Ted obtained his bachelor's degree in business administration from Simon Fraser University and an MBA from Royal Roads University.

### **Imogene Lim (林慕珍)**

Professor, Anthropology, Vancouver Island University

A descendant of Cumberland and Vancouver's Chinatown, Dr. Lim is a founding member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC and a former Board Member. With the BC Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council, she worked on the Historic Sites and Celebration book projects. Her expertise on Chinese Canadian communities and collaboration with museums is reflected in the exhibit, 150 Years and Counting: Fighting for Justice on the Coast (2017), which she co-developed.

### **Raymond Louie (雷建華)**

Five-Term Vancouver City Councillor; Former School Trustee.

Education: Windermere Secondary School, BCIT Recreation Services,

### **Alan Lowe (劉志強)**

Architect – Alan Lowe Architect Inc., Former Mayor of Victoria ( 1999-2008)

Born and raised in Victoria, lived in Canada’s oldest Chinatown until the age of 3. Parents immigrated to Canada in 1957 from Zhongshan. Paternal and maternal grandfathers immigrated to Canada in early 1900s while paying the head tax. Has sat as President, Hook Sin Tong Society, Former Director of Victoria Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Ass’n, Founding member of Victoria Chinese Commerce Association, Life member of Victoria Chinatown Care Centre and Former member of Victoria Chinatown Lion’s Club.

### **William Ma (馬威廉)**

In the early 1970s, William founded a factory specializing in outer-wear garments exporting to North America. In 1981, he became one of the first groups of Hong Kong investors to establish factories in Guangzhou while establishing close relationship with the Guangdong Board of Trade. Ma Immigrated to Vancouver in 1993 and founded two trading companies. He has been investing in commercial properties and importing garments from China. Presently, Ma is serving as actively on boards of numerous community in Vancouver.

Ma was successful in an effort to designate Vancouver Chinatown as a National Heritage Site as a Proponent of the National/World Heritage Site Designation Committee.

### **Fred Mah (馬清石)**

Retired; Former Division Head, Ecosystem Planning Division Environment Canada Volunteer in Vancouver Chinatown for many years. Founding board member of many organizations including Chinese Cultural Centre, Chinese Canadian Historical Society, Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival Society, Chinatown Revitalization Committee and Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association. Served in executive positions in many of these organizations. As Chair of the Planning Group for the Chinatown Revitalization Committee proposed that part of Chinatown be designated as a National Historic Site and eventually apply for UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

### **Brian McBay**

Executive Director of 221A

Brian McBay is Executive Director of 221A, a Vancouver-based non-profit organization that works with artists and designers to research and develop social, cultural and ecological infrastructure. As a student Co-founder of 221A during the height of the 2007-08 global economic crisis, he is part of a new generation of leaders in the cultural sector aiming to reverse deepening inequality, xenophobia and colonialism in Canada. He is known for applying his unique skillset and training as an industrial designer to non-profit property design, construction and regulation. He was named a 2018 Fellow at the Salzburg Global Forum and has been invited to speak on art, policy and urban development at the Western Front,

Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver Art Gallery, SFU Centre for Dialogue, UBC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Emily Carr University, the Creative City Network of Canada, the City of Kelowna, BC Alliance for Arts and Culture and the Vienna Design Fair. He has contributed to C magazine and Canadian Art magazine and is currently the President of the Pacific Association of Artist Run Centres and a member of the City of Vancouver Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. He was appointed in July 2019 as a member of the National Gallery of Canada's Board of Trustees.

### **Grace Wong (黃麗珠)**

Retired; Former Senior Advisor International, Office of Provost and Vice-President Academic, the University of British Columbia

Senior Advisor International at UBC; Previously Assistant Dean International at the Sauder School of Business, UBC. Extensive experience working with partners in other countries and developing a variety of international programs. Recently served as the Chair of the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Board of Directors, and member of the Independent Commission on Mobility Pricing. Previously was on the British Columbia Premier's Asia Pacific Trade Council, the BC Immigration Task Force, the BC Expert Panel on Business Taxation, and the Board of Directors of the UBC Alumni Association.

### **Randall Wong (黃星翹)**

Judge, Supreme Court of British Columbia

The Honourable Justice Randall Wong is a pioneer in Canadian law. He served as the first Chinese Canadian provincial Crown Counsel (1967) and became a BC Provincial Court judge in 1974. In 1981 he became the first Chinese Canadian federally appointed judge with his appointment to the British Columbia County Court. In 1990 he was promoted to a position on Canada's Supreme Court serving the Supreme Courts of British Columbia, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut's Court of Justice.

### **Sonny Wong (黃仕儒)**

President & Creative Director, Hamazaki Wong Marketing Group

Sonny has a passion in marketing, creativity, sustainability, arts and culture and social change. He has helped establish some of Canada's most prominent institutions including Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival, Leo Awards and Board of Change. He also served on multiple community and not-for-profit boards and continue to do so.

### **Bill Yee (余宏榮)**

Retired; Former Provincial Court Judge

Bill Yee is currently a non-active member of the B. C. Law Society with a Q. C. designation. He has served in the Vancouver Chinese Canadian community for many decades including as past president of Chinese Benevolent Association, Vice-Chairman of Chinese Cultural Centre,

Founding board member of S.U.C.C.E.S.S., Executive Chairman of National Congress of Chinese Canadians, National Chairman of the Yee Fong Toy Association, Vancouver City Councillor from 1982 to 1986, Member of the Vancouver Police Board 1992-1997, Board member of B. C. Hydro 1997-1999, Honorary Citizen of Guangzhou.

### **Dr. Henry Yu (余全毅)**

Principal, St. John's Graduate College, UBC

Princeton University: Ph.D and M.A. in History

University of British Columbia: B.A. in Honours History

### **Municipal Director (City of Vancouver):**

- **Sandra Singh**

Sandra is the General Manager, Arts, Culture, and Community Services at the City of Vancouver. Prior to this, she served as the Chief Librarian of Vancouver Public Library. She joined VPL after serving as the Director of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at the University of British Columbia. Prior to UBC, she worked at the Vancouver Public Library, first as the Director of Branches East/South and Outreach Services, followed by Director of Systems and Special Projects.

Sandra is currently appointed to the CBC/Radio-Canada Board of Directors. Most recently, she served as a Commissioner on Canada Council for the Arts' Public Lending Right Commission, as Chair of Library and Archives Canada's National Heritage Digitization Strategy Steering Committee, and as President of the Canadian Library Association. She also led the establishment of and was a founding Board member of the national not-for-profit Centre for Equitable Library Access which seeks to ensure people with print disabilities have access to published content.

### **Provincial Directors (BC Government):**

- **Claire Avison** – Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism, Arts and Culture  
Claire Avison joined the BC Public Service in 2001. She has worked in a number of different ministries including the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Advanced Education and is currently working in the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture. In each of these roles Claire has held policy, regulatory and program responsibilities. She was first appointed to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister when she was with the Ministry of Education, in 2011
- **Brian Jonker** – Executive Director, Arts and Culture, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture