

About the panel:

Mayor Marianne Alto

Victoria Mayor Marianne Alto is a facilitator by trade with university degrees in law and science. A businesswoman active in community causes for decades, Marianne was first elected to Victoria City Council in 2010, and elected as Mayor in 2022. Mayor Alto is the co-chair of the BC Urban Mayors' Caucus, and is a board member on the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board, BC Transit, the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, the CRD, and many CRD committees. An advocate for equity, inclusion, and fairness, Mayor Alto's work this term has centered around community safety and wellbeing, reconciliation, sustainable cities, housing, governance, and relationship building.

Robert Jawl

Robert is managing director with Jawl Properties Ltd, Victoria, BC's largest owner, manager and developer of commercial real estate. Recent project activity includes 1515 Douglas Street, Capital Park, the Atrium Building and the Selkirk Waterfront Community. Prior to Jawl Properties, Robert was an associate with the Blackstone Group involved in the firm's real estate private equity investment initiatives including the acquisition and operations of Equity Office Properties, CarrAmerica Realty and Trizec Properties. Earlier, Robert was an analyst in the Investment Banking Division of Goldman Sachs & Co.

Robert holds a Bachelors of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and a Masters of Science in Sustainable Urban Development from Oxford University. Robert is a current director of the Royal British Columbia Museum, current chairperson of the Greater Victoria Police Foundation and past chairperson of the Urban Development Institute Capital Region. Robert is also engaged in a range of philanthropic initiatives with a principal focus on youth, education and community wellbeing. Robert lives in Victoria with his wife and two sons.

Police Chief Del Manak

Chief Del Manak is in his 35th year of policing. He was promoted to the rank of Chief Constable in July 2017.

Chief Manak is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy Program and the Dalhousie University Police Leadership Program. In 2019, he completed his Masters of Arts in Terrorism, Risk and Security Studies from Simon Fraser University.

In 2011, Chief Manak was the recipient of the Sergeant Bruce MacPhail Award for Academic Excellence. In 2014, he was appointed Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces and elevated within the Order to Officer in 2025. In addition, he is the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal, the King Charles III Coronation medal and the Police Exemplary Service medal.