

Rachel Lewis, COO, Vancouver Whitecaps



Rachel has been recognized as one of the most influential women in sport by the Canadian Sport Business Awards, the Sports Business Journal, the Vancouver Sun, and the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport, among others.

Since 2003, she has been an integral part of the success and growth of Major League Soccer (MLS) club Vancouver Whitecaps FC, where she has led the organization as chief operating officer since 2007.

Prior to her time with Whitecaps FC, she directed Vancouver's PGA Tour stop, the Air Canada Championship, and later represented BMO Financial Group in their sponsorship of the Canadian Women's Open. Rachel holds a BA (honours) from the University of Victoria, and an MBA from the University of British Columbia. She lives in Vancouver with her husband and two young sons.

Marie-Eve Clayton, Operations Leader, Stantec



Marie-Eve is the Operations Leader for Stantec's Environmental Services team comprised of over 175 professionals (engineers & scientists) in 8 offices across British Columbia. She is an Environmental Engineer and holds an MBA from HEC Montreal.

Marie-Eve is dedicated to the growth, coaching and mentoring of her team. In her spare time, she is the founder and manager of a small clothing business (www.waltzingmatilda.ca), a member of the regional advisory committee for Starlight Children's Foundation and a policy committee member of the Burnaby Board of Trade's Women's Business Success Network.

She's also a dedicated wife and mom to two amazing kids (both under the age of 3) and a huge rugby fan.

Suzana Prpic, Director, Corporate Emergency Management, Environment, Health and Safety, FortisBC



Suzana is the Director of emergency management as well as environment/health/safety for FortisBC and currently is responsible for the safety and integrity of ongoing natural gas pipeline expansion project through Burnaby.

Suzana is also a long term resident of Burnaby and has been with FBC for more than 20 years primarily in operations which is traditionally a male role.

Deanna Burleigh, Chief Superintendent, RCMP Burnaby



Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh joined the RCMP in 1985 and was first posted to Ottawa where she spent 10 years. She returned to the Lower mainland in 1995 and spent five years at Richmond Detachment in General Duty and Fraud Section before going to Commercial Crime.

In 2008 she received her Commission to the rank of Inspector as an Operations Officer at Richmond Detachment and was the Bronze Commander at the Richmond Olympic Speed Skating Oval during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Deanne then transferred to E Division Headquarter where she assumed the role of Officer in Charge of the Integrated Health and Resource Management Team at E Division HQ.

In 2013, Deanne became the Officer in Charge of the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment in British Columbia. Then in 2017, she was promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent and became the Officer in Charge (OIC) of Burnaby Municipal Detachment.

Deanne obtained her Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of McGill in 1992 majoring in Personnel Management and Organizational Behaviour.

She is a member of the British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police where she sits on multiple committees and was invested as a Member of the Order of Merit in April of 2017.

In her spare time, Deanne enjoys the outdoors, hiking and travel. She is married and has four adult daughters with whom she spends as much time as possible.