

POWER 50

—2012— *How do we measure power? By looking at who signs the deal or who drafts it in the first place? Who gets calls returned or who can block them at will? We reward all these players, and pay special attention to the innovators, those with the ability to thrive in uncertain times*

return him to cabinet but could restore some of his political influence if the NDP wins the next election.

46 JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD
REGIONAL CHIEF,
B.C. ASSEMBLY OF FIRST
NATIONS



NEW TO THE LIST. AGE 41

Heading up an organization that is meant to represent the interests of 203 First Nations is no easy task, and Wilson-Raybould—a graduate of UVic (double major in history and poli sci) and UBC (law) and former Crown prosecutor in the Downtown Eastside—is focused on one particular challenge: unlocking the potential of First Nations economies. Over the past two years she has co-authored a handbook, *The BCFN Governance Toolkit*, which has been acclaimed as the most comprehensive report of its kind in Canada, and sets out what First Nations in B.C. are doing to transition from the Indian Act. Her work is seen by leaders like Kim Baird, the former chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation, to be an essential guide to modern self government and economic prosperity.

47 DAVID SIDOO
INVESTMENT BANKER,
PHILANTHROPIST



PREVIOUSLY #45 (2007). AGE 53

The onetime Saskatchewan Roughrider is still riding high on last year's news that his East West Petroleum Corp. won exploration rights to 400 square kilometres of oil-rich northeast India (this in addition to producing assets in Egypt and Canada, plus positions in Egypt, Yemen, and Eastern Europe). Closer to home, he's ascended to angel status for his support of breakfast programs for schoolkids in Vancouver and New West and, through his foundation with wife Manjy, high-school and university sports programs (he's UBC's largest sports scholarship donor), domestic-violence initiatives with the VPD and RCMP, and arts events through the Vancouver Opera and David Foster Foundation. His standing on this year's list, though, rests equally on his political connections: he's become a go-to figure for journalists and lawyers, developers and politicians in the Indo-



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Canadian community locally. Oh, and in February, UBC renamed its Thunderbird Stadium field for the guy.

48 MARTIN CRILLY
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSIONER



NEW TO THE LIST. AGE 62

Who is in control of our \$1.36-billion transit system? Not the mayors, they keep telling us. Not the CEO or board of TransLink, whose agency has been repeatedly whipped in the media this year and denied extra money from almost everyone. Not the rotating provincial transportation ministers, as they keep going around in circles and arriving at the same point. So it appears for the moment as though the most powerful person governing our transit system is this soft-spoken transportation planner, who 20 years ago developed the region's overall system. Crilly, who lives in Comox on Vancouver Island, nixed TransLink's request for a higher-than-usual fare increase this year, saving riders hundreds of dollars. And he has repeatedly pushed the authority to focus its services where there are the most riders. Waiting forever at a suburban bus stop? Thank Mr. Crilly.

49 DJAVAD MOWAFAGHIAN
PHILANTHROPIST



NEW TO THE LIST. AGE 85

The developer built his fortune constructing housing, hospitals, factories, and roads in Iran. Following the revolution of 1979, Mowafaghian moved to Vancouver after a chance visit. Since establishing a family foundation here in 2003, he has given away over \$45 million to health and education programs, including—just in the last year—sizable support for: a brain research centre to open next year at UBC (\$15 million); a new psychiatric facility at Lions Gate Hospital, where he recently recovered from a stroke (\$4 million); and stroke care at VGH (\$2 million). Impressive numbers, but even more so is his philosophy: "In my value system," he has said, "the money made through business belongs to the people at large, and, therefore, it should go back to the people."

50 JAKE FRY
OWNER, SMALLWORKS
STUDIOS AND LANEWAY
HOUSING INC.



NEW TO THE LIST. AGE 49

As of this fall, 668 permits have been issued in Vancouver for laneway houses. (Vision Vancouver voted to allow them in 2009.) No one foresaw (or capitalized) on this new form of EcoDensity more than Jake Fry, who founded Smallworks in 2005. He consulted actively with the planning department when laneway bylaws were being crafted, and his boutique firm has about 60 laneway houses completed or in development. (He even appears to have coined the term "laneway housing.") By working for a half-decade toward this vision, Fry has fundamentally influenced a city that's torn between a desire for dense neighbourhoods and that other residential pleasure: elbow room. **Biggest looming challenge?** To create a lot more opportunities for young families to be able to choose single family housing as their first option for a home. I'm going to focus on finding ways to broaden the range of housing types in our neighbourhoods and create new options for home ownership. **▼**