

Introducing Dave Mowat

Personal

Dave Mowat was born in Calgary and spent his early years in Sherwood Park. He moved to British Columbia where he graduated from UBC. His wife Sandy is a school teacher and they have three young adult children.



Work experience

Dave's background is mostly in small business financing and the venture capital market, with more than 20 years experience. Under his leadership, Vancity grew to its current size by being a "company of firsts" – taking risks in technology, innovative products and services, and a reputation for exceptional customer service.

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| 1978 – 1998 | Business Development Bank of Canada, moving from branch management to regional Vice President for Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and NWT, and serving as senior Vice President for emerging markets and venture capital |
| 1998 – 2000 | Chief Executive Officer, Vancity Capital Corporation. Dave was recruited to set up Vancity's venture capital subsidiary. Today, the company operates profitably with a \$25 million fund. |
| 2000 – present | Chief Executive Officer, Vancity, Canada's largest credit union with \$12.3 billion in assets, more than 354,000 members, and 50 branches. |

Education

UBC – Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Finance

Banff School of Advanced Management – E.D. McPhee Award for outstanding student

Session Instructor – Harvard University International Banking Program, 1997-2000

Boards

Conference Board of Canada
Visa Canada – Vice Chair
Credit Union Central of B.C.
Tradeworks Training Society
Vancouver Board of Trade
Citizens Bank of Canada – Chair
Visa International – Executive Committee
Vancouver School Board Foundation – Chair
Dr. Peter Centre

Awards and Honours

In 2005 Dave was named Communicator of the Year by the International Association of Business Communicators and Marketer of the Year by the American Marketing Association, BC Chapter.

Under Dave's leadership, Vancity received a number of awards including:

- ◆ Number One Place to Work in Canada – Great Place to Work Institute Canadian Business Magazine
- ◆ 10 Best companies to Work for in 2006 – Financial Post
- ◆ Canada's Top 100 Employers – Maclean's Magazine
- ◆ Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures – Waterstone Human Capital, Canadian Business Magazine