



Candace Koch

(1984 -)

Candace Koch (née Sattler) was born in Langley, BC, in 1984, the eldest of four children raised by Dave and Jeanette Sattler. From a young age, she showed a passion for music, playing tuba, bass, and double bass in school bands and singing in choir. She was selected for honour music programs at UBC and UVIC. Candace also excelled in sports, particularly softball, competing at the provincial level.

In high school, she developed an interest in the trades and hands-on learning. She joined the Secondary School Apprenticeship program with Preston GM and later attended the General Motors ASEP Program at BCIT. As the only woman in her class, she worked hard to prove herself, earning Red Seal certification as an Automotive Service Technician in 2005.

Candace continued her career at Preston GM and served on the New Car Dealers Association of BC and the Automotive Training Standards Organization. She especially enjoyed diagnostic work, often calling it being a “car doctor.” She now serves on a Trades Advisory Committee with Mission Schools, supporting opportunities for students entering the skilled trades.

After marrying Lance in 2005, they settled in Abbotsford and had two children, Dakota and Dayton. Parenthood inspired Candace to launch a home-based auto parts business, followed by a woodworking venture after moving to Steelhead in 2012, building custom furniture and decor.

Following her son’s diagnoses of autism and dyslexia, Candace became a strong advocate for improved support in schools. She took on leadership roles with local PACs, the Mission District Parent Advisory Council, and volunteered with Dyslexia BC. She regularly met with school boards and provincial leaders to highlight families’ challenges. In 2025, the Province announced \$30 million in funding for early dyslexia screening, a key initiative Candace had long supported.

In Steelhead, Candace has held leadership roles in the community association, serving as Chair, Secretary, and Director. She helped lead efforts to bring \$1 million in fibre internet and improved cell service to the area, significantly impacting residents’ daily lives. She’s also helped organize local events, fundraising, emergency preparedness, and broader community involvement

In 2022, Candace ran for local office, driven by a desire to improve communities and “be the change.” Though not elected, she remains actively involved and plans to run again. Candace believes “Your greatness is not what you have, it’s what you give” a value reflected in her work as both a parent and community leader

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