

## **MARILYN HUTCHINSON**

Marilyn Hutchinson is a long-time resident of Vancouver Island. Most recently she was the Economic Development Officer for the City of Nanaimo from 2005 – 2010. She was responsible for implementing the mandate of the Economic Development department including business retention and expansion, investor attraction and overseeing the community's tourism development initiatives, many which involved collaborations with the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

Previously she was Executive Director of the Mid-Island Science, Technology & Innovation Council (MISTIC) for seven years, managing the organization which provided business development and start-up information to Vancouver Island and coast technology and manufacturing enterprises, including aboriginal entrepreneurs. During her time with MISTIC, Marilyn was seconded for a term as Director of Technology Transfer at Malaspina University College, now known as Vancouver Island University. This role involved securing funding and facilitating research partnerships between faculty of the Department of Science & Technology, with regional entrepreneurs developing new technologies.

In addition to her work, Marilyn was an Order-in-Council appointee to the BC Parole Board from 2004 – 2005, reviewing parole applications and meeting with applicants in the two Vancouver Island corrections facilities. From 2001 – 2009, she was a member of the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council (NSERC) College & Community Innovation Program, which adjudicated funding applications from Canada's colleges, to establish research partnerships with industry.

Marilyn is currently on the Board of the Economic Development Association of BC. She is Past President of the Vancouver Island & Coast Economic Development Association as well as the Pacific Northwest Economic Development Council, a Canada-US economic development association. She is a founding member of the BC Regional Science & Technology Network.

Marilyn holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and Certificate of Project Management, both from Royal Roads University and currently resides in Ladysmith, BC.