

Lenore Swystun



Lenore Swystun, MA, is a Registered Professional Planner (RPP), MCIP and founding Director and principal partner of Prairie Wild Consulting Co. The mission for Prairie Wild is to prepare communities for the future. Lenore is a graduate from the University of Saskatchewan (B.A. (Hon), M.A.) and a Professional Associate with the Regional and Urban Planning Program, Geography and Planning Department.

Over the past 25+ years Lenore has led and co-led hundreds of planning and planning related projects for a wide spectrum of clients. This work includes delivery of: comprehensive plans for municipalities; regional plans; inter-municipal plans; Indigenous community planning; strategic planning; master plans; housing and homelessness plans; main street and place making plans along with various research studies, needs assessments, risk assessments as well as leadership and governance reviews. She is an expert in facilitation and uses these skills to create collaborative and meaningful stakeholder engagement in all her projects.

Since moving from her family farm north of Saskatoon to attend university, Lenore has been involved in the civic fabric of Saskatoon. She is the co-founder and first coordinator of the Core Neighbourhood Youth Coop (CNYC). She has worked and served on the boards of some of Saskatoon's key arts organizations: Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra; International Fringe Festival; Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan; and Persephone Theatre. She was the events chair for the three centennials of the Province of Saskatchewan, City of Saskatoon and University of Saskatchewan respectively in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Lenore was a two-term elected member on the University Senate where she served as the inaugural chair of the Education Committee and served on the Non-Academic Disciplinary Committee and Membership Committee. She co-chaired the International Communities in Bloom Conference and has volunteered on a number of grass-roots

initiatives involving Saskatoon's newcomers; LGBTQ2S community; Indigenous community; and, core neighbourhoods (poverty reduction; homelessness).

Lenore is a long-standing member of the City of Saskatoon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and is currently serving as Chair. She is a board member and former president of the Saskatoon Heritage Society. She is a former City Councillor, and, mayoral candidate running on a sustainable development platform. After serving since 2000, she recently finished her term as an executive member of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization) but continues her volunteer efforts to support Canada's United Nations work to advance issues related to Indigenous rights; language; culture; and sustainable development efforts through Biosphere Reserves. Lenore has also co-led international missions in East Africa (FCM) and in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (CIP) where the focus was on transferring skills to local professionals and citizens to develop and implement comprehensive community-based planning frameworks. True to her dedication and passion for all things civic and community-based, Lenore produces and hosts a local community radio show, *Civically Speaking* for CFCR 90.5FM and serves as the Civics Coordinator for the Caswell Hill Community Association.