

Lori Van Rooijen



I am excited about our ability to shift the fundamental purpose and future of museums across the country and beyond. Museums are seen by many as colonial institutions, often telling stories of only one part of our society. Our communities are so much more than this. I believe that with Glenbow Reimagined, we will be able to create new connections with our audiences. We're building more spaces for active dialogue and display; spaces that will foster understanding and truth. Ultimately, we are building a more inclusive environment that values the stories and learnings of so many more members of our diverse community.

Lori Van Rooijen, Pii'Takii, (Calgary, Alberta) joined Glenbow's Board in 2015, and currently serves as Board Chair and ex officio member of all Board Committees, as well as a member of the Anti-Racism and Equity Committee. She is President of Larkspur Consulting Inc. (LCI).

Ms. Van Rooijen is a project manager, engagement specialist, and strategic planner with over 35-years' experience. She works with post-secondary institutions, governments, not for profit organizations and private corporations. Her experience is centered on stewarding city building projects for and with the community. Her expertise includes developing community plans, needs assessments and feasibility studies, managing complex capital projects, and navigating government processes. Over her career, she has been involved in and responsible for projects totaling over \$950 million, guiding organizations through the entire process of each project, including developing and refining institutional vision plans, developing cases for support and executing capital campaigns, as well as acting as project director to manage the planning, design, and construction of capital projects.

Ms. Van Rooijen specializes in projects that are highly complex, involving stakeholders with diverse views and opinions. In the last 10 years, she has been project director on some of southern Alberta's most impactful public projects including the YW Hub facility in Inglewood, Sheriff King Site redevelopment, the new Red Crow Community College in Stand Off, Alberta, the Blood Tribe's 50-year Community Plan, Inn from the Cold's new Family Hub with HomeSpace, Kainai Board of Education Aahsaopi School, Rundle Academy's new school project, Vecova's Centre for All Abilities and several affordable housing projects. Prior to that, she was involved in several larger public project including the 2005 renovation of the Alberta Jubilee Auditoria, U of C's Taylor Family Digital Library, the TELUS Spark, and the Reynolds Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin.

Ms. Van Rooijen has also received approval for some of the more challenging land use projects in Calgary including Golf Course to residential re-development, the U of C's West Campus

development (including the Alberta Children's Hospital), Closer to Homes Family Hub, and WinSport Canada. Her style is to work collaboratively to find opportunities, resolve issues and build consensus. In addition to working as a consultant on planning and capital projects, she has held several senior leadership roles in the community. She was Vice President of Advancement for Athabasca University and Vice President of Engagement at the Alberta College of Art + Design, now the Alberta University for the Arts.

Ms. Van Rooijen holds an M.L.I.S. from the University of Alberta, and a B.Ed. and BA from Western University. Her community work is extensive volunteering with organizations including YW Calgary where she served on the Board for seven years. She was founding Board Chair of the Jubilee Auditorium Society where she and her Board were responsible for the recapitalization of the Jubilee Auditoria in Edmonton and Calgary. She has been recognized for her work by several important organizations and associations and is a recipient of the 2005 Alberta Centennial Medal for citizen contribution.

Lori was recently adopted by the Blood Tribe community and honored with an Indigenous name: Pii'Takii (Eagle Woman) by Kainai Elders for her contribution to and work on the Blood Reserve.