

MARLENE MORRISON NICHOLLS

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EXPERTISE IN

Business Development
Board Governance
Non-Profits
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Insurance

BOARD & COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE

Vice Chair, Kawartha Lakes Health Care Initiative
Founding Member & Board Member, Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes
Chair, Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce
Executive Committee Member, Rotary Club of Lindsay

AWARDS

Enterprising Women of the Year Award, 2021
Business Insurance Canada's Elite Women, 2020
Extraordinary Women of Kawartha Lakes, 2017

ACCREDITATIONS

Ivey Executive Program,
Ivey Business School at Western University
Registered Insurance Brokers
of Ontario License (RIB ON)
Life Insurance License (IFBC)
Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP)
Canadian Accredited Insurance Broker (CAIB)
Member of Financial Advisors Association
of Canada (Advocis)
Member of Independent Financial Brokers (IFB)

Marlene Morrison Nicholls is an award-winning business leader dedicated to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) advocacy and supporting women entrepreneurs.

With a strong record of success across her 45-year career, Marlene quickly advanced into leadership roles. As vice president (1981-2008) and then president and CEO (2008-2022), she grew Stewart Morrison Insurance into a thriving brokerage with five locations serving individuals, businesses, farms, non-profits and public entities in the Lindsay, Port Perry, Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon and Peterborough areas.

A vocal advocate for DEI, Marlene spearheaded education and programming in her own business as well as local business groups. Under her leadership, Stewart Morrison Insurance became the first — and to date, the only — brokerage to earn diversity training accreditation from the Registered Insurance Brokers of Ontario, and the company was recognized as a Rainbow Registered business, a national accreditation for LGBTQ2SIA+ friendly businesses.

Guided by a deep commitment to community involvement and growth, Marlene has a range of board and committee experience, including tenures as Vice Chair of the Kawartha Lakes Health Care Initiative, Chair of the Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce and Executive Committee Member of the Rotary Club of Lindsay. She is also a founding member and currently affiliate board member of the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes. Additionally, her personal volunteerism and business sponsorship of local events, cultural organizations and causes have had an enduring impact on the communities she lives and works in.

In 2021, Marlene's business accomplishments and leadership were recognized with an Enterprising Women of the Year Award, a prestigious international lifetime honour that celebrates highly successful women entrepreneurs and business owners.

This year, Marlene launched the next chapter of career, founding the Women Changemakers Fund alongside her daughters. This community foundation legacy fund will offer emerging women entrepreneurs in the Kawartha Lakes financial support and mentorship.