

Spring Hawes Bio

Spring Hawes is an entrepreneur with extensive experience as a business owner and employer. She is a mortgage broker in the Okanagan, and owns and manages several commercial properties. She has served 3 years as board director for Interior Health and is a board member of the local non-profit Accessible Okanagan. Ms. Hawes served two terms as councillor in local government, participating in and leading multiple committees and working groups. She was also the president of an accessibility advocacy group in the East Kootenay for 7 years. She has been outspoken on the rights of women and marginalized people.

Ms. Hawes was raised in the Okanagan, and both her children were born here. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in English at Athabasca University. She is involved in the community advancing accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities, and envisions a world with full inclusion of all people. Her two grown children are both graduates of UBCO.

She incurred a spinal cord injury 15 years ago in a mountain bike accident and has been a wheelchair user since then.

She is passionate about helping all people live well and achieve their potential. She envisions a world that fully values and truly embraces diversity, working to remove barriers to participation. Because she cares about PEOPLE, she cares about the world we live in. She knows we must urgently address climate change, and protect our water, air and soil. She believes we have the ingenuity and ability to do it.