

Board Vice-Chair (Independent)

Nanaimo

Director Since: 2020 | Term: 2023 - 2026

As a longtime supporter of the cooperative movement, Melissa is committed to Coastal Community Credit Union's vision of being leaders in building

relationships, that improve financial health, enrich people's lives and build healthier communities.

She believes credit unions make meaningful, impactful differences in people's lives and their communities — inspiring her to continue to add her talents to the credit union system. Melissa strives to be leader in her field as a health and safety consultant, promoting positive cultural changes to mentor, motivate and inspire others. She is the Regional Consultant for AgSafeBC, where she assists Vancouver Island agriculturalists and partners with industry to perform meaningful work that positively impacts members' health and safety to support the success and sustainability of the agricultural sector & combat food insecurity at a local level.

In addition, she is the sole owner and operator in a health and safety consultancy. Currently Vice-Chair, Chair on Nominations and Elections Committee and committee member on the Investment and Lending & Risk Oversight committees at CCCU.

Melissa's been able to build extensive experience in key areas like governance, operations, enterprise risk management, member relations, cooperative business model, policy review and strategic planning.

Board and volunteer opportunities lead to helping the community and building stronger relationships. A strategic thinker and skilled planner, Melissa looks forward to continuing in contributing her strengths to Coastal Community's member-elected Board, team and community.

### 2023

# **Education/Designations**

- Occupational Health & Safety Program, BCIT
- Occupational Health & Safety Practitioners Associate Certification, BCIT
- Credit Union Director Achievement Certification, CCUA
- Advanced Co-operative Governance Certification, Johnson Shoyama (USASK and UREGINA)

# **Other Board Appointments (Current)**

- Owner/Operator: Lacroix Safety Consulting Corporation
- Member of CFUW Nanaimo
- Member of Nanaimo-Cedar Farmer Institute

#### **Committees**

- Risk Oversight Committee (May-Dec)
- Audit & Finance Committee (Jan-May)
- Investment & Lending Committee (May-Dec)
- Nominations & Elections Committee (Chair, May-Dec)

## **Coastal Community Subsidiaries**

 Coastal Community Financial Management Inc. (Chair, Jan-May)

## **Attendance**

- Board Meetings = 22/22
- Committees = 14/14
- Subsidiaries = 2/2

#### **Educational Activities**

- World Credit Union Conference 2023 Vancouver
- Canadian Credit Union Association (CCUA), Credit Union Director Achievement (CUDA) Program
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  CU Director Achievement (CUDA) Program examination knowledge assessment