

Alison Evans, Co-founder, Gulf Island Seaplanes

Alison Evans is an entrepreneur and business leader with more than a decade of experience in aviation, operations management and community economic development. She is Gitksan through her father from the Hagwilget Village First Nation and is a passionate advocate for greater Indigenous participation in business, tourism and economic development.

Alongside her husband, Sean Evans, Alison is the co-founder of Gulf Island Seaplanes, an Indigenous-owned, family-run airline based on Vancouver Island. Together, they have built the company through the realities of entrepreneurship in one of Canada's most highly regulated and challenging industries, adapting through changing markets, rising costs and the many unexpected challenges that come with growing a small business.

Alison also serves on the Board of Directors of Indigenous Tourism BC, 4VI Group, and contributes to Indigenous advisory and leadership initiatives, including CAE's Indigenous Advisory Board among others. She is particularly passionate about creating greater opportunities for Indigenous people in aviation and tourism and about the role Indigenous entrepreneurship can play in economic reconciliation.

As an entrepreneur and mother of four, Alison brings a practical and candid perspective to business leadership, grounded in resilience, relationships and a willingness to adapt when the original plan no longer makes sense.