

**CAMA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR
MEMBER-AT-LARGE
(FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION UNDER 100,000)
2024-2025 NOMINEE**



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Dear Valued Peers,

Please accept my nomination to serve as the At-Large Member on the Board of the CAMA. Please also allow me to tell you about myself as well as why I am offering up my name for consideration.

I am currently the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Saugeen Shores, one of the fastest growing rural municipalities in Ontario, in the heart of Canada's Clean Energy Frontier. That growth has quickly brought economic, administrative, and cultural changes to our community, alongside an infrastructure "reckoning" that so many municipalities are facing right across the country. This confluence of challenges has meant using organizational and fiscal discipline to find ways to move Saugeen Shores forward, while showing transparency and accountability.

I have geared my education to fulfill those solutions. In addition to being a Certified Municipal Officer (CMO), I earned a Master's Certificate in Public Management from York University's Schulich School of Business and a Certificate in Managing & Leading in a Municipal Environment from Loyalist College.

I am passionate about helping guide communities to a more prosperous future through municipal leadership. With 25 years of public sector experience, I work to create environments of high organizational performance that lead to creative and innovate solutions to today's challenges. I also believe in making work visible and accountable while coaching staff at all levels to solve problems and improve processes. That is how I have created a culture of leadership with my teams that emboldens them to deliver results. One of those results was to bring a stalled project back to life -- a \$50 million dollar Aquatic and Wellness Centre. As well, I have used my background in Land Use Planning to revolutionize the Town's planning practices and tackle housing challenges head-on -- resulting in a 1200 percent increase in permits for multi-family residential units.

I have worked to create the Municipal Innovation Council (MIC), a partnership of eight municipalities in Bruce County that work together on practical solutions to shared problems they could not tackle alone; I am privileged to serve as the Council's Chair.

CAMA has been a cornerstone to my career development, and I am able to give back by sharing my time and my experiences. As a member of CAMA's Board of Directors, I would bring forward a unique -- but growing -- perspective: how to administer a rural community that is facing urban challenges and offering up the solutions to those challenges.

Everything is about scale. Working in the municipal sector has never been more challenging and I want to work with CAMA to create a strong and supported organization and peer network that ensures municipal administrators have the resources they need as well as the talent pipeline to ensure the profession continues to thrive. In my heart, I love building communities and I would like the opportunity to channel my enthusiasm, energy, and ideas into CAMA to support the continued building of a cross-Canada community of municipal leaders.