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My name is Cole Caljouw and I am the Director of Governance and Corporate Services for the City of Yellowknife. I began my municipal career in 2021 when I joined the City's legal team to cover a parental leave. In 2023, I enthusiastically accepted an opportunity to join the senior leadership team as the City Clerk and haven't looked back. Now, in my role as Director of Governance and Corporate Services, I have the pleasure of leading the City's Legal, Information Technology, and Corporate Services and Risk Management divisions, along with the Office of the City Clerk.

Prior to joining the City, I practiced family law for 5 years in the lower mainland of British Columbia. I hold a Bachelor of Arts with distinction in Women's Studies and Philosophy from the University of Alberta, and a JD from the University of Victoria, Faculty of Law. As a lifelong learner and being intellectually curious, I also recently completed Levels I and II of the National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration from the University of Alberta.

I am currently a member of the Local Government Association of the Northwest Territories and have previous board experience with the Canadian Bar Association, Northwest Territories branch. I am also the chair of the Student Financial Assistance Appeal Board of the Northwest Territories. In 2025, I participated in the CAMA Masterminds series and I am a proud member of the 2026 class of the CAMA Executive Leadership Program.

My partner and I have four children, three granddaughters, and two mini australian shepherds. Outside work and studies, my partner and I spend as much time outdoors as we can camping, hiking, and canoeing. We hiked the West Coast Trail last year and look forward to returning to Vancouver Island this year to complete the North Coast Trail.

I am interested in participating on the CAMA Board of Directors because I am passionate about local government and governance. Being a part of the CAMA community and leadership representing the North is an opportunity and responsibility to which I hope to bring both my skills as a lawyer and leader, and my optimism and energy for municipal government. Thank you for your consideration.

