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Mike Melinyshyn CPA, MBA, MMAI, EcD(c), serves as Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of Port Hope. He is a strategic-minded, dynamic, innovative leader with over 30 years of private and public sector experience. He believes CAMA can play an even stronger role in helping municipalities modernize—responsibly, practically, and with a clear focus on outcomes for communities and staff. Mike uses his passion for technology adoption and Artificial Intelligence to integrate them into business strategy and community development initiatives to provide higher quality services to residents.

Mike applies technology and AI to modernize municipal government in ways that are realistic for the public sector—improving data driven decision-making, increasing organizational capacity, and strengthening service delivery. With a Master of Management in Artificial Intelligence, he brings both strategic and execution-focused expertise. As a sought-after speaker on AI and municipal government, he translates emerging technology into actionable approaches municipal leaders can adopt with confidence. He is passionate about protecting data privacy and has worked closely with several Privacy Commissioners to support a rigorous, public-trust approach to digital and AI-enabled modernization.

Mike is a catalyst for transformational change and organizational culture redevelopment—helping teams build clarity, accountability, and resilience so modernization can actually stick. With an MBA (minor: Human Resource and Management Development), he takes a structured approach to leadership development, organizational design, and workforce planning to support sustainable change.

As a Chartered Professional Accountant, Mike brings strong financial stewardship, long-range planning, and accountability. He currently sits on the ONE Investment Board, which governs approximately \$5.6B in municipal investments. Financial security comes from extensive economic development. Mike served as Chair of an Economic Development Commission in Niagara for 10 years. Combined with his management, HR, and AI education, he brings a multi-disciplinary perspective to board-level discussions—connecting finance, people, governance, technology, and service delivery into a practical approach.

In Port Hope, Mike is leading a municipality at a pivotal moment: the community is potentially ushering in the world's largest nuclear power plant, transforming from a traditional heritage and tourism destination into a municipality that can manage rapid growth and complex development associated with new nuclear. He successfully negotiated an unprecedented \$4.5 million in funding with the Province of Ontario to support growth-readiness. Mike also works directly with First Nations to ensure they are true partners in development projects. The lessons being learned—governance, capacity-building, infrastructure readiness, partnerships, and community impacts—are transferable across the nation.

On the CAMA Board, Mike will contribute by strengthening modernization (including AI), advancing leadership and culture capacity as a foundation for change, and ensuring Ontario municipal realities are well represented in national discussions. He participated in the CAMA Masterminds Network and remains involved provincially as an active member of OMAA - valuing the camaraderie of like minds committed to strong municipal leadership. He is genuinely interested in this role because he sees CAMA as a critical platform to help municipal leaders navigate increasing complexity—by sharing tools, building capability, and championing excellence in municipal administration.

