



**MEMBER-AT-LARGE
(FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION OVER 100,000)
CAMA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
2020-2021 NOMINEE**



**Gary Kent, ACCA, CPA, CGA, ICD.D
Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
City of Mississauga, ON**

Thank you for considering my application. I have been a member of CAMA for 15 years and attended multiple conferences, promoted their toolkits locally and sat on their Awards Committee. Having learned from and contributed to many of the associations that support our sector including FCM, IPAC and ICMA, I know that CAMA's reputation is strong.

I have worked in the Municipal Sector for the past 24 years across various services and have deep experience in municipal issues, including infrastructure, transportation, housing, finance and governance. I understand how all the levels of government work, and am excited by the municipal agenda, the never-ending quest to deliver value for money and need to govern ethically.

I have recently completed the Bloomberg/Harvard Cities Leadership course and Directors Education Program from Rotman and am experienced at working on Boards and their committees.

Senior levels of government understand that municipalities are critical to our future and this is an important moment for the sector to be strategic, organized and clear. With my experience and knowledge, I feel I could make a strong contribution to CAMA's Board and the sector's future success. You can learn more about me on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/in/gary-kent): ([linkedin.com/in/gary-kent](https://www.linkedin.com/in/gary-kent)). I would be grateful for your support.

Biography

Gary is the Commissioner of Corporate Services and CFO for Canada's 6th largest City, Mississauga. He leads a team of seven Directors who provide innovative, strategic and integrated services to the public, staff and Council. A diverse portfolio, they are focused on delivering strong Customer Service, Value for Money and ensuring the Corporation has the right Talent and Technology available to achieve its vision.

He is also the CEO of Enersource Corporation, a strategic partnership between the City and Borealis Inc. Enersource currently owns 30% of the shares of Alectra Inc., the second largest municipally-owned electricity utility in North America.

A graduate of Glasgow Caledonian University, he is a professional accountant with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and a CPA, CGA. He holds the ICD.D designation, having graduated from the Directors Education Program from the Institute of Corporate Directors, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. Through progressively senior roles, his experience includes co-chairing the update of the City's Strategic Plan, engaging 100,000 citizens and overseeing the development and implementation of continuous improvement projects including Lean, multiple policies and strategies including a Long-Range Financial Plan, People Strategy, IT Master Plan and Strategic Communications Master Plan. He has also led community projects to advance world class waterfront, downtown and education initiatives. Gary previously worked in the UK as the Finance Manager for a large private sector transit company experiencing deregulation, privatization, flotation and mergers.

Board and Committee experience includes the ACCA's Public Sector Global Forum, the Canadian Association of Government Finance Officers (CAGFO), The One Investment Board and Sheridan College's Professional Advisory Council.

Gary has also been involved in coaching hockey and soccer in Canada for many years and has lived with his family in Mississauga all his Canadian life.