



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



**Keshwer Patel
Commissioner of Corporate Services
& Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
City of Waterloo, ON**

Keshwer Patel is the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at the City of Waterloo, Ontario. She has been in that role since late 2012. Prior to joining the City of Waterloo, she has served in finance leadership roles at the City of Mississauga, and the City of Toronto. She brings over 25 years of municipal sector experience having worked in large and smaller municipalities.

Ms. Patel holds the Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA, CGA) designation, and the Certified Municipal Officers (CMO) designation from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers (AMCTO). She holds international degrees of Chartered Accountant (CA) from India and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bombay University, India. Canada has been her home for the last 30 years.

Ms. Patel has been a board member of the Municipal Finance Officers Association (MFOA) and the chair of the Professional Development Committee of MFOA. She is currently on the Awards Evaluation panel of the International County and City Managers Association (ICMA). She is also on the host panel for the 2020 ICMA Conference to be held in Toronto. Through her finance team, the City of Waterloo has regularly made presentations at the MFOA conference on financial best practices and is an advocate of mentoring young talent into the municipal field.

Interest to Serve on the CAMA Board:

Through attending CAMA conferences, I have been exposed to several new initiatives and ideas being implemented by colleagues across the country. A prime example is the Lean Six Sigma initiative implemented by the City of Fredericton. Since attending the conference, I have visited the City of Fredericton and networked with their staff and lead the initiative at the City of Waterloo. CAMA has provided an amazing opportunity for networking and professional development.

CAMA is also a significant source of information on best practices in several areas of municipal governance, demonstrated through the various toolkits, information on practices in various areas of governance in municipalities and the awards program.

Hence my interest to serve on the Board is:

- ✓ To support the professional development of CAMA members through the practice of sharing knowledge, experience, best practices in local government and the awards program.
- ✓ To bring experience and perspective of midsized municipal governments in training, development, executive leadership and other CAMA initiatives.
- ✓ To pursue opportunities to advance CAMA membership and partnerships with other organizations.
- ✓ To network and liaise with other organizations and levels of government to advocate for stronger roles for the municipal level of government, whose services touch the everyday lives of citizens.