

**ONTARIO
CAMA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
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I am pleased to put my name forward as a candidate for the Ontario representative position on the CAMA Board of Directors. I have been a dedicated member of CAMA for over a decade and have valued and benefited from the leadership of the previous CAMA Board members.

Participation in CAMA has aided in my professional development and has fostered a sense of pride in the meaningful work that we all do to support and advance our communities. One of my professional development highlights on a yearly basis is attending the CAMA Conference and meeting colleagues from previous conferences and new members just starting their municipal career. I treasure the relationships that I have developed across the country with other dedicated municipal professionals. I believe it is important to our profession to have a strong Association that provides training and networking experiences for our current and future members. I am interested in making my contribution to this effort and supporting and growing CAMA. I would like to ensure that other municipal professionals have the opportunity to experience the same benefits that I have from membership in this dedicated organization.

I have 18 years of experience in senior municipal administration and a decade as a CAO. I have had the pleasure of working with Councils in three different provinces (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Ontario) and in both urban and rural settings. I have also served as a CAO in both Western and Eastern Ontario (Huron County and currently Lennox and Addington County) and in both single tier and upper tier structures. I believe this wide variety of organizational structures and communities has provided me with a broad perspective of the challenges and opportunities that we face as senior municipal professionals. My municipal background is in Economic Development and I have been a member of EDAC (the Economic Developers Association of Canada) for almost two decades. However, my passion now lies in human resources and staff development. I am dedicated to the growth and development of staff. I believe our success as leaders is predicated on the support of others.

I am currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). It is a pleasure to serve in this capacity. I would like to extend the same dedication and effort to the CAMA membership and respectfully offer my service as the Ontario representative.