



LESLIE DRYNAN

Leslie Drynan is an accomplished executive leader who is recognized for her dynamic, progressive, and visionary style. She has spent her entire 20+ year career in the Eastern Ontario municipal sector, where she calls home.

Leslie is currently the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk for the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley. Before taking on that role in 2022, she held Deputy Clerk or Clerk / Deputy CAO roles at Tay Valley Township (5 years), the County of Lanark (13 years), and then South Dundas (1 year).

As a leader, Leslie is focused on increasing the value of taxpayers dollars through modernization and customer service excellence. She empowers, engages and openly communicates with teams to meet goals that improve quality of life, while making sure municipalities are responsible financially for the long term.

Leslie is a collaborator. She brings others to the table for smart and dynamic decision making to achieve key priorities. She leverages revenues, while at the same time, embeds lean principles that result in increased quality and efficiency. She seeks to get rid of red tape where possible by finding innovative solutions that build trust with those who work for her and the communities they serve.

Further to her professional experience, Leslie is active as a volunteer in the community. Over the years she has volunteered as a Big Sister through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County, acted as the Vice-Chair of the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital Board of Directors, including Chair of Board Quality and the Lanark County Mental Health Community Advisory Board. Leslie has been a member of AMCTO (Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers) since 2003 and since 2014, has been the AMCTO Zone 6 Secretary-Treasurer.

Leslie holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, a Masters in Public Administration and a designation as a Certified Municipal Officer. She completed the Executive Municipal Leadership Program through Ivey Business School. She has a Diploma in Municipal Administration through AMCTO, as well as an Executive Diploma in Public Administration & Municipal Management from the University of Western Ontario.