



## Commissioner, Community and Planning Services The District Municipality of Muskoka

Located just two hours north of Toronto, The District Municipality of Muskoka is where you will find some of Canada's most beautiful lakes, majestic forests, and stunning Canadian Shield cliffs. The District Municipality of Muskoka (District) was established by Provincial legislation and commenced operations on October 19, 1970. It covers an area of approximately 4800 square kilometres, containing over 650 lakes. Due to this, Muskoka has been Ontario's premiere summer vacation destination for many years and is known affectionately as "Cottage Country".

Muskoka is governed by a two-tier municipal system. The District forms the upper-tier, working closely with six lower-tier municipalities; Township of Muskoka Lakes, Township of Georgian Bay, Township of Lake of Bays, Town of Bracebridge, Town of Huntsville, and Town of Gravenhurst. Both levels collaborate and align services to achieve cost efficiencies and best serve residents and visitors to Muskoka.

Due to a retirement, the District is seeking their next Commissioner, Community and Planning Services. Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner, CPS is responsible for the strategic leadership, management, and administration of the Community & Planning Services (CPS) department. This includes Housing & Homelessness, Ontario Works, Children's Services, Planning Services, Environmental & Watershed Programs, and GIS. The Commissioner, CPS will oversee the delivery of community and individual programming for vulnerable populations, broader delivery of land use and watershed planning programs, and climate change initiatives. The Commissioner, CPS will work closely with the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the District Strategic Leadership Team (DSLTL) and Council on all matters pertaining to the functional areas of the department. This includes the development of annual budgets and performance measures, long range planning, and departmental policies.

The ideal candidate will bring forward a minimum of 10 years of progressive management experience, plus 4 years of senior management experience in a municipal environment. A university degree at a Masters level or equivalent with specialized training in social services, and/or municipal planning, and/or public administration is required. Your demonstrated capacity to lead change management and continuous improvement complements your familiarity with government policies, related legislation or initiatives, and professional standards.

The District Municipality of Muskoka is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Accessible Canada Act, 2019 and all applicable provincial accessibility standards, upon request, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and the District Municipality of Muskoka throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.

To explore this opportunity further, please contact Diana Rucchin at Odgers Berndtson at [diana.rucchin@odgersberndtson.com](mailto:diana.rucchin@odgersberndtson.com) or submit your resume and letter of interest online to [www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/17813](http://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/17813) by **March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**.

