

## 2021 Prestige Award Recipient

The Prestige Award is presented to an AMCTO member, past or present, who has been nominated by his or her peers. This award recognizes the individual's commitment to the ideals of the Association and the contribution made to both the Association and the profession.

Leading by example, the Prestige Award recipient is someone who has given freely of their time and expertise and who, through their efforts, has enriched the AMCTO and the municipal profession. Over the years, the Association has recognized many individuals, through the Prestige Award, for their dedication to their profession, to their community and to AMCTO. And with her commitment to supporting municipalities and the professional education and growth of municipal professionals over many years, this year's recipient is a most-deserving individual.

### 2021 Prestige Award recipient:

#### Karen Landy – Clerk, Town of Orangeville



Karen Landry has been in municipal government for over 34 years. She began her career in the clerk's department at the City of Brampton and has worked for a variety of municipalities including the Townships of Tiny and Puslinch, the Towns of Georgina, Halton Hills, and Caledon and is currently the Clerk for the Town of Orangeville.

After working in both the clerk and legal service divisions at the City of Brampton, Karen accepted the position of Deputy Clerk with the Township of Tiny in 1996. In 2000, Karen became the Clerk for the Town of Georgina and in 2003 became Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills where she was the recipient of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year Award. In her role as clerk, Karen has been responsible for licensing, enforcement, animal control services, legal services, provincial offences court, parks and recreation.

Karen's role as CAO/Clerk at the Township of Puslinch provided the opportunity to engage all employees with the support of Council to build an organization that worked together to achieve a common vision. During this time the Township completed its first Community-Based Strategic Plan, adopted a Fire Master Plan, Recreation and Parks Master Plan and an Asset Management Plan which was then integrated into the Township's 10-year capital budget forecast.

Like many other clerks, Karen has:

- attended countless Council and Committee meetings;
- witnessed the passing of thousands of bylaws;
- led reviews of various regulatory bylaws including smoking, business licensing (mobile vehicle services, tow trucks, salvage yards) and of course most recently masks and social distancing;
- transitioned from paper to electronic records management; and
- Has led six municipal elections.

She is an advocate for supporting staff through education and networking by encouraging participation in the various seminars, diploma programs and conferences offered through AMCTO.

In her spare time, she has led the United Way campaign in Georgina, coached youth softball and was the manager of two rep soccer teams. Karen has even completed two half marathons and a marathon...and admits to being a Toronto Maple Leafs fan. She considers her greatest achievement the success of those individuals that she has had the privilege to work with.

***Congratulations and thank you Karen!***