

Chair's Message

CHAIR OF THE BOARD, LESLEY CORNELIUS (ICD.D)

It is an honour to serve as Chair of OECM's Board of Directors during a year marked by strong performance and continued progress. In 2025, OECM delivered record-breaking results, exceeding growth targets through product and service expansion, increased contract utilization, strengthened partnerships, and continued diversification of its customer base. While maintaining a strong foundation in the education sector, OECM also experienced significant growth across healthcare, municipalities, the broader public sector, and the not-for-profit community, **surpassing 1,000 non-education customers for the first time in OECM's history**. These achievements reflect OECM's ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality, responsive procurement solutions and exceptional service to the organizations it serves.

This year also marks a meaningful transition in Board leadership. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Dr. F. Haider Alvi for his outstanding service as Chair since 2020, and for his continued support on the Board as Past Chair. As OECM continues to grow and innovate, the Board is focused on reinforcing the organization's role as a trusted collaborative sourcing partner to Ontario's broader public sector. We remain committed to strong governance, thoughtful and effective oversight, and supporting the advancement of OECM's long-term strategic vision. Looking ahead, we will continue to prioritize accountability, transparency, and meaningful engagement.

OECM's success is built on trust – trust from its customers, suppliers, partners, government stakeholders, and employees. We extend our sincere appreciation to all our partners for their continued confidence in OECM and for the important role they play in advancing our shared objectives. We are fortunate to benefit from dedicated and accomplished leaders across the organization, and on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the President and CEO, the leadership team, and all OECM staff for their professionalism, agility, and focus in advancing the organization's strategic priorities. I am confident that, together, we will continue to strengthen OECM's impact and deliver exceptional value to the public sector organizations we serve.



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