

## MEMO

**TO:** CNAM Nominating Committee  
**FROM:** Martin Gordon  
**SUBJECT:** Nomination of Bernadette O'Connor for a Non-Public Director Position  
**DATE:** April 15, 2020

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I am pleased to nominate Bernadette O'Connor for a Non-Public Director Board position. Her brief biography details are summarized below, as outlined in CNAM's Call for Nominations. I wholeheartedly endorse her nomination.

**Full Name:**

BERNADETTE O'CONNOR



**Board position applied for:** Non-Public Director

**Current professional role/responsibilities (maximum 100 words)**

Bernadette O'Connor leads WSP's municipal asset management (AM) services and has been a leader in the AM community in Canada for many years. She has been managing infrastructure for over 43 years and started her career in New Zealand during the formative years of evolving AM best practice. She worked as an asset manager for multiple municipalities before joining WSP and emigrating to Canada. She is a mentor to many of our staff, a principal consultant within the WSP team and helps many clients across the country advance their asset management capabilities. She has a true passion for asset management.

**Related experience (maximum 100 words)**

With 43 years experience, Bernadette has a rich history of experience to help others advance their



AM practices. She has walked in the same shoes as many CNAM members, developing AM in a municipality first-hand. She has also helped define best practice through her many volunteer contributions. She is an internationally Certified Asset Management Assessor, a contributing author for the 2015 International Infrastructure Asset Management Manual, primary author of the AMBC AM Roadmap, a member of the Canadian standards committee for ISO 55000, and a member of the Technical Working Group for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal AM Program.

**Interest and vision for CNAM (maximum 100 words)**

Bernadette has always been a strong advocate for bringing people together to share experiences, and collectively create better stewardship of our communities. She has been a member, attending and presenting at CNAM conferences for many years. CNAM has a leading role in creating community and generating discussion. It has broadened its relevance with national and international organizations like IAM, IWPEA, PEMAC and the communities of practice across Canada. Bernadette maintains strong links nationally and internationally. She would be an advocate to continue CNAM's efforts to bring best practice to our Canadian communities and broaden CNAM's impact on our world's communities.

Attachment: Photo (optional) in jpeg format - separate from the word document