

Speaker Profile



Leslie Woo
CEO
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Leslie Woo is a respected city leader with over 25 years of experience building sustainable communities and shaping urban development in Canada's fastest-growing urban region, greater Toronto. Leslie assumed the role of CEO at CivicAction in September 2020. CivicAction is a premier civic engagement organization that convenes established and rising leaders from all sectors, backgrounds, and experiences, CivicAction catalyzes actions and impactful solutions to address pressing challenges in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and beyond.

Before joining CivicAction, Leslie was at Metrolinx for over a decade including her time as Metrolinx's Chief Planning and Development Officer. Leslie is a tri-sector athlete with experience in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors as well as her experience as a planner, architect, and community activator.

An accomplished leader, Leslie was named Bisnow's 2019 Toronto Power Women in Commercial Real Estate, one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2017 by WXN, Spacing Toronto's Transit Changemaker in 2016 and Canada's Women's Infrastructure Network's 2015 Outstanding Leader.

Founder of shebuildscities.org, Leslie uses her voice and platform to amplify and celebrate other women city builders.