

Director, Legal Services / Solicitor

Here is a role that isn't just about career progression. It's also about joining a close-knit community and making a better life. With its population of 108,589, Chatham-Kent is an urban and rural municipality that has been named one of North America's top ten small cities of the future and a top 100 employer. Bounded by Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, this growing Southwestern Ontario community has affordable housing, excellent educational institutions, compassionate healthcare plus a wealth of greenspace and recreation. Connected by the 401 to London, Windsor and Toronto, it is close enough for convenience but far enough away to maintain its own identity, character and friendliness. With its diversified agricultural, commercial, green energy and manufacturing economy, Chatham-Kent is progressive and inclusive. You'll reflect those values as the senior leader of the Chatham-Kent team.

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer and working with Council, you will make a major contribution to the legislative and operational health of the municipality. Leading your in-house team and external counsel, you will encourage a high service ethic and innovative thinking. Provide timely and reasoned legal counsel to your internal clients on a wide range of issues. Draft legal documents including bylaws and representations to courts and tribunals. Manage litigation, legal negotiations and the dispute resolution process. Contribute insight and experience to the municipality's risk management strategy and practices. Oversee the Provincial Offences Court. Act as a champion of growth, people development, and sound governance.

With your law degree and good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada, you've had five to ten years of exposure to municipal and contract law. An experienced and progressive manager, you're ready to take on a pivotal position with one of Ontario's future friendly communities.

To explore this recently market adjusted opportunity further, please contact Margaret Vanwyck in Odgers Berndtson's Toronto office at 416-366-1990. To be considered for this position, please submit your resume online at www.odgersberndtson.ca/en/careers/6921 .