

Calendar of Events

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March 25, 2026
- May 5, 2026

2026 CAO Leadership Program
Miles S. Nadal Management Centre (Hybrid)
222 Bay Street
Toronto, On M5K 1K2
08:45 AM - 04:00 PM EST
OMAA is pleased to partner with the #1 business school in the country, the Schulich School of Business at York University, to offer the CAO Leadership Program each spring.

This five-day program offers sought-after leadership skills in areas like political acuity, digital transformation, and data analysis to thrive in your role or move up the career ladder. The program is hosted in a convenient choice model of virtual or in-person and features top-rated Schulich instructors with guest appearances from practising CAOs.

<i>Module 1: Transformational Leadership 25 March 2026</i>	<i>Virtual or In-person at the Nadal Centre</i>
<i>Module 2: Solving Complex Problems 26 March 2026</i>	<i>Virtual or In-person at the Nadal Centre</i>
<i>Module 3: Digital Futures 7 April 2026</i>	<i>Virtual or In-person at the Nadal Centre</i>
<i>Module 4: Culture Shaping Leadership 21 April 2026</i>	<i>Virtual or In-person at the Nadal Centre</i>
<i>Module 5: Political Acuity 5 May 2026</i>	<i>Virtual or In-person at the Nadal Centre</i>

This program is ideal for CAOs and Aspiring CAOs in municipalities of all tiers and sizes across Ontario. Professional managers and key decision makers will gain the vital leadership skills, strategies, and methods needed to better support elected officials and effectively implement Council policies, levelling up to more senior roles.

After completing the CAO Leadership Program, you'll receive an authentic digital badge from the #1 business school in Canada that employers will recognize. Upon completion of additional programming through Schulich ExecEd, you will be eligible to receive a Master's Certificate in Municipal Leadership.

Classes sold-out in 2024 and 2025 so be sure to reserve your spot early.

<i>Members</i>	<i>\$5164</i>
<i>Non-Members</i>	<i>\$6164</i>

Aspiring CAO Connections Event

Walper Hotel

20 Queen St South

Kitchener, On N1G 1V6

08:30 AM - 03:15 PM EST

A full day session dedicated to those Aspiring CAOs thinking about the next steps on their journey to becoming a municipal CAO / City Manager.

Join your peers for a jam-packed day filled with great advice, networking, and hands-on workshop segments. Participants should bring a laptop or tablet.

830-900 Registration

900-915 Welcome and Participant Introductions

915-1015 Pathways to Becoming a CAO: lessons learned from experienced CAOs.

1015-1045 Opportune times in the municipal sector.

1045-1100 Break

1100-1200 Things Councils look for in a new CAO and Recruiter Q&A.

1200-1300 Networking Lunch

1300-1345 Positioning to Move Forward: Contracts, Mentoring, and Building your Brand--Scott Vokey, OMAA Executive Director

1345-1430 Participant work on Elevator Pitch (Headline and About)

1430-1445 Break

1445-1515 Elevator Pitch Delivery and Feedback

Pricing

Members \$25

Non-Members \$99

May 20, 2026
- May 22, 2026

2026 Spring Workshop
JW Marriott The Rosseau Muskoka
1050 Paington House Road
Muskoka Lakes, On P0B 1G0

Wednesday afternoon to Friday noon

Join us May 20–22, 2026, at the spectacular JW Marriott The Rosseau Muskoka Resort & Spa for the 2026 Spring Workshop. This signature event blends inspiring keynote speakers, practical educational sessions, quick hits, and engaging sponsored discussions with valuable networking and social opportunities—all designed to equip CAOs, Deputy CAOs, and aspiring municipal leaders with the insights and tools to lead more effectively.

On Thursday evening we'll set sail on an elegant Muskoka Steamship for a dinner cruise across the scenic lakes. Enjoy fine dining, panoramic views, and relaxed conversation in a setting that fosters connection and inspiration.

Pricing

<i>Exhibit Booth</i>	\$2222
<i>Exhibit Booth Extra Pass</i>	\$884
<i>Member Early Bird</i>	\$979
<i>Non-Member Early Bird</i>	\$1370.60
<i>Retired Member Early Bird</i>	\$832.15
<i>Corporate Early Bird</i>	\$1370.60
<i>Member</i>	\$1137.76
<i>Non-Member</i>	\$1592.86
<i>Retired Member</i>	\$967.09
<i>?Corporate</i>	\$1634.93
<i>Thursday Only Member</i>	\$538.45
<i>Thursday Only Non-Member</i>	\$734.25
<i>Friday Only</i>	\$323.07
<i>Member In Transition</i>	\$0
<i>Additional Guest Meal Plan</i>	\$415.00
<i>Thursday Night Event</i>	\$250.00

Most packages include one ticket to the Thursday Night Event EXCEPT Thursday Only, Friday Only, and Exhibitor Passes.