Chief of Staff to the Mayor

Cambridge is a thriving emerging and modern city with a diverse population of 163,000. It is located within the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and is a part of one of Ontario's fastest growing and economically prosperous regions. With its perfect position being located along Highway 401, only 45 minutes from the provincial capital of Toronto, Cambridge is well poised to continue to grow and flourish into a prosperous metropolis and one of the best places to live in the Province of Ontario.

The Chief of Staff works directly with the Mayor to coordinate, oversee, and facilitate the execution of the Mayor's vision and priorities. As a dynamic, strategic and results-driven Chief of Staff, you will effectively manage the Mayor's office operations, engage with stakeholders, and ensure seamless communication and alignment across the administration. You will facilitate and ensure effective collaboration between the governance and administrative functions of the organization. You will lead intergovernmental relations, and lead and participate in stakeholder relations on behalf of the Mayor. In this position you will assist, advise and support the Mayor in her enhanced role under Ontario's Strong Mayor Legislation by providing non political, professional guidance to ensure the Mayor fulfills new responsibilities related to budget preparation and priority setting to align with provincial objectives.

The Chief of Staff will act as a key advisor to the Mayor, providing both tactical and strategic guidance while managing day-to-day activities in a fast-paced and dynamic environment. You will analyze data and content to provide strategic advice and counsel to the Mayor. This position requires a strong communicator, skilled at building relationships with internal teams, government officials, and community leaders. The ideal candidate will demonstrate exceptional leadership, strategic thinking and problem-solving abilities with a strong ability to adapt to the constantly changing political landscape.

The ideal candidate is a politically astute leader with post-graduate education in Political Science, Public or Business Administration, or a related field. A background in communications or media relations is an asset. They bring at least five years of leadership experience in government or political office settings and have a deep understanding of municipal, provincial, and federal environments.

The ideal candidate excels in issues management, legislative interpretation, and strategic planning, with strong communication skills across written, verbal, and public platforms. The candidate has experience managing staff, navigating complex priorities, and building strong relationships with government, business, and community stakeholders. Proven ability to lead strategic projects and support policy development through research and analysis is essential.

If you wish to be considered for the role, please email your cover letter and resume in PDF format to **Kartik Kumar at <u>careers@lesp.ca</u> by July 10th, 2025.**

To view the full Position Profile, please visit the Legacy Partners website.

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Thank you once again for your interest.

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