



## Director, Stakeholder Relations and Community Engagement City of Ottawa, Ottawa Public Health

Ottawa, Canada's capital, is a cosmopolitan metropolis surpassing 1M residents – the fourth-largest city in Canada. With a vibrant technology sector, high median household income and affordable living costs, Ottawa is a great place to live, work, and play. The City of Ottawa is committed to its 17,000 employees, offering rewarding careers that enhance the community's quality of life, making Ottawa one of the best places in the world to live. The City offers meaningful career opportunities in many different fields. Employees experience the satisfaction of seeing the results of their work in real-time, as citizens rely on the City's programs, services, facilities, and infrastructure every day.

Ottawa Public Health is responsible for providing public health programs and services that contribute to the physical, mental and emotional health and well-being of the residents of Ottawa, in compliance with Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care standards, protocols and guidelines and other related public health legislation. In partnership with the people and communities of Ottawa, Ottawa Public Health improves and advocates for health and well-being through prevention, promotion and protection.

Reporting to the Medical Officer of Health, the Director, Stakeholder Relations and Community Engagement is accountable for providing vision, leadership, strategic direction and systems oversight to the department, including managing, evaluating and improving pro-active relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders. You will provide strategic advice to the Medical Officer of Health and Senior Leadership Team in identifying and responding to issues, and to ensure communications and engagement efforts align with priorities, plans and initiatives. You will undertake issues management for sensitive and high risk issues and media inquiries. You will also play a critical role in providing direction on the planning, development, and implementation of strategic and crisis communications.

The Director, Stakeholder Relations and Community Engagement will also be accountable for enhancing and establishing meaningful relationships with a variety of sectors. This includes relationships that advance a neighbourhood and community level healthy equity approach. A key focus is to further develop relationships with Indigenous communities in relation to OPH's Reconciliation Action Plan that includes building culturally safe services. In addition, you will contribute to department-wide strategy and priorities, including health equity, diversity and inclusion, employee engagement, operational excellence, continuous quality improvement; and manage financial and human resources.

Ottawa Public Health strives for diversity of lived experiences on the Senior Leadership team. The ideal candidate will come with a university degree in political science, business administration, public administration, communications, or another related field. A minimum of 10 years of related experience in governmental relations and strategic communications, including a minimum of 5 years in managing human resources, external contract resources, operating and capital budgets in a complex public organization or private sector corporation. You have honed your political acuity in high profile and publicly accountable roles and have demonstrated integrity in your actions. A collaborative team member and relationship builder, you are skilled at clearly communicating and leading others to achieve goals. You have knowledge and experience of the principles, practices, procedures, laws and regulations pertaining to the relevant City, Public Health codes, policies and procedures. English and French bilingualism is a strong asset.

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To explore this opportunity further, please contact Diana Rucchin at Odgers Berndtson at [diana.rucchin@odgersberndtson.com](mailto:diana.rucchin@odgersberndtson.com) or submit your resume and letter of interest online to <https://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/17947> by April 7th, 2022.

