



ANITA ESPENANT-ROGERS

**EA to the CFO, Admin support to
Assistant Corporate Secretary
EPCOR Utilities Inc.**

Fun fact:

I love to sing and used to be with a Female Acapella Quartet "Voiceover". We established the Children's Music Foundation where we were able to raise funds for children with musical aspirations within Parkland County as well as donate to a Music program within The Stollery.

Why have you joined GPC?

I have joined the GPC program as my current employer has provided me with the opportunity to be immersed in the Governance portion of the Board and Committee processes. I wanted to gain knowledge of the background of why we do what we do and understand more of the obligations and fiduciary responsibilities aspect of Board Members and how everything ties together.

What does governance mean to you?

Governance is having a strong corporate structure by following rules, having processes in place to help provide the Board and Management to make informative decisions.

How did you get into governance and your current role?

I was hired into the position. I coordinate the Disclosure meetings and then provide admin support to the Assistant Corporate Secretary in preparation for the Board and Committee meetings each quarter. The process demands a lot of planning and organization and I have been privileged to be submerged into the dynamics to learn from it.

What is the most fulfilling part about your role in governance? What do you love most about your job?

I enjoy when it all comes together, it takes a lot of planning and organizing, forecasting and document preparation but it is very satisfying when all is done and we can see what we accomplished. Then I love to take the next day off to recuperate. 😊

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What do you believe is a key topic right now in the governance industry?

Diversity and Inclusion is on the forefront for the industry.

Where do you see, or would you like to see the role of governance in the next few years?

I would like to see a well defined Governance Professional position within corporations and for more people to understand the scope of the position and importance of the role.

What is the best career advice you have received?

It's a bit of a cliché but "never give up and don't be afraid to try new things".