



## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

**President: Jennifer LaJoie, MPA**

**Biography:**

Jennifer Lajoie is an Account Manager in Municipal and Stakeholder Relations at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) where she works building meaningful relationships between MPAC, municipalities, school boards, and elected officials.

Prior to joining MPAC, Jennifer was the Program Coordinator for International Internships at Western University, combining her love of travel with her commitment to youth global and civic engagement. In addition, she has held the position of Municipal Policy Specialist with the City of London where she was a member of the City Manager's Office and contributed to a variety of corporate initiatives.

Jennifer has been employed in areas of project management, stakeholder relations, and research for over ten years. Beginning her career in the field of International Development, she managed federally funded HIV/AIDS and education projects in Haiti and Tanzania. Jennifer moved back to Canada to pursue her MPA at Western University, which she obtained in 2011. She is passionate about exploring the ways global issues, global culture, and the global economy shape our diverse local communities – translating global experience into local meaning.

In addition to her MPA, Jennifer holds a graduate certificate from Humber College in International Project Management, and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Western University.

A London, Ontario resident since 2010, Jennifer enjoys rowing with the Western Rowing Club, and volunteering on the Western Local Government Alumni Executive Committee. She recently published an article entitled *How to be an Ethical International Volunteer* on MyWorldAbroad.ca.

