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Leslie has been named, one of Bisnow's 2019 Toronto Power Women in Commercial Real Estate, one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2017, Spacing Toronto's Transit Change-maker in 2016, Canada's Women's Infrastructure Network's 2015 Outstanding Leader and a 2011/12 Fellow with the International Womens Forum.

Prior to CivicAction Leslie worked in the municipal, private and not-for-profit sectors. Including over 12 years as a senior executive at Metrolinx, the regional transit authority centred in Toronto, steering the growth of the organization into one of the most globally progressive leaders in transit. She led the planning for its \$60 billion capital expansion with a focus on design excellence and business case acumen. She also set in motion a new line of business for transit oriented development, generating a pipeline of commercial prospects for new sources of revenue. Leslie was responsible for extracting public benefits and value from transit investments through long range planning, design excellence, business case rigour and leveraging real estate assets.

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