

Candidate Statement – Stephanie Weaver

My name is Stephanie Weaver, and I am honoured to put my name forward for election to the Board of the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario.

Being both an RMT and a clinic owner has given me a firsthand understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing RMTs and the importance of maintaining high standards of professional practice. I am also a Level 3 Vodder Certified Combined Decongestive Therapist, with a focus on cancer-related lymphedema. Supporting patients through complex health challenges has strengthened my belief in compassionate, evidence-informed care and the importance of collaboration within the broader healthcare system.

My commitment to service extends beyond my professional career. I have volunteered in my community as both a Lion and a Kinette, experiences that have reinforced the importance of giving back. Community service has taught me that meaningful leadership is about showing up, listening, and being willing to put in the work.

After 19 years in practice, I am ready for a new challenge and an opportunity to contribute to our profession in a different way. I see serving on the CMTO Board as an opportunity to give back to the profession that I have been so fortunate to be a part of for nearly two decades. I believe my experience as an RMT, specialized practitioner, clinic owner, and community volunteer would allow me to bring a practical and balanced perspective to the Board. I value professionalism, accountability, thoughtful decision-making, and, most importantly, public protection and patient care.

I am passionate about the future of massage therapy and would be proud to contribute my experience, perspective, and energy to the work of the College. I hope to have the opportunity to serve our profession, represent the perspectives of RMTs, and help shape a strong future for massage therapy in Ontario.