

Laura Weyland

Laura Weyland is an accomplished business and people leader who brings a track record of success in growing and managing businesses in complex competitive, professional and regulatory environments. Laura currently owns 2 Shoppers Drug Mart franchises and has had successful pharmacies for 29 years. Always a patient advocate, Laura started one of the first methadone clinics in the early nineties. She has achieved her Certified Diabetes educator, to be able to provide superior care to her patient population. She has also piloted several initiatives over the years to improve access to drugs and care to vulnerable populations.

Laura is currently the Chair of the Ontario College of Pharmacists. She is the only woman to have had 2 terms as President/Chair in the College's 131 year history. She has been involved with the College since 2006. She first served on the Discipline Committee while an unelected member. She was first elected to Council in 2013. That year she was selected as the Chair of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee. She served in that role for 3 years as well as sitting on the Finance and Audit committee, the Discipline Committee as well as the Executive Committee. While on the Executive committee, she has overseen and helped to guide the extensive regulatory changes that the board is going through presently.

Laura is also the Treasurer of the Entertainment District Business Improvement Association, the 2nd biggest in Canada. She has sat on that board since 2014 and was elected as Treasurer in 2017 managing a budget of \$300,000,000. She worked extensively with consultants and the Board to institute significant governance change. That board went from 20 members at its peak down to 15. It is now a far more efficient board while complying with the regulatory best practices.

She is the founder of WILA-Women In Leadership Associates to support the careers of women at Shoppers Drug Mart. This program brings all the women in leadership positions together in a welcoming space to share experiences, seek advice and provide support. It recognizes that women have different challenges in the business world than men do and seeks to provide them with tools for excellence. It is now used across Canada in the Shoppers Drug Mart and Loblaw spheres, both at store level and corporately.

Laura also was the leader of the 18th Toronto Troupe of the Girl Guides from 2005-2015. She was a leader for 10 years, giving back to the community with an eye on empowering young girls and women.