Agricultural Manufacturers of Canada

Leah Olson, President, AMC

Leah Olson is an enthusiastic promoter of strong public policy and engagement. Over more than 15 years in the private and public sectors, Leah has been a trusted advisor to federal and provincial ministers, as well as to corporate executives.

Leah managed Canadian Pacific Railway's grain portfolio in Winnipeg from 2004 to 2006, making more transparent ways to maximize opportunities in regulated grain movements without compromising the commercial grain rates' overall pricing structure.

From the CPR, Leah moved on to Ottawa where she was one of three policy advisors to the then federal finance minister. She went on to work for Pfizer Canada in Montreal, working with the medical team for acquisition opportunities in the biotech sector. She then joined the executive team that managed the divestiture and eventually the IPO of Zoetis, Pfizer's former animal health division. In all these roles, Leah has been a leader and key influencer in public policy, communications, marketing and stakeholder engagement.

In 2013, Leah returned to Saskatchewan becoming a chief of staff within the provincial government.

In March 2015, she joined the Agricultural Manufacturers of Canada as its new president. Under her leadership the organization's membership has grown by over 20%.

Leah has never forgotten her southwestern Saskatchewan roots. Having grown up on a grain farm, she has a unique understanding of the important innovations emerging in the agricultural industry. The first farm show Leah worked was in 1987.

Leah is fluent in French and English. She has a MBA from Queen's University and a master's degree in public policy and public administration from Concordia University.

Leah is acting chair of the WESTEST board of directors, chair of the Saskatchewan chapter of the Ernest C. Manning Innovation Awards, an avid runner and level 2 nationally certified rugby coach.

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