

Ceta Ramkhalawansingh was appointed Manager, Diversity Management and Community Engagement in 2001 after serving as Interim Manager, Access and Equity for the newly amalgamated City of Toronto.

Ceta began work at Toronto City Hall in 1981 to prepare the Employment Utilization Study which expanded the equal opportunity program for women and disabilities to racial and ethnic minorities and Aboriginal people. This employment equity work force study was the first of its kind in Canada. As the Interim Co-ordinator of the City's Sesquicentennial Celebrations, Ceta developed the budget and Model Program which left several legacies and inaugurated a publishing program about the City's history.



After joining the civic service in 1982, Ceta worked with a staff team to implement many pioneering human rights, employment equity and service equity programs. As Manager of the Contract Compliance Program, anti-discrimination and human rights requirements were introduced for civic agencies, grant recipients and suppliers of goods and services. Prior to amalgamation, she was the Manager, Equal Opportunity for the former City of Toronto.

In the mid 1970s, she worked for the Toronto Board of Education's Work Group on Multicultural Programs whose proposals led to the implementation of many groundbreaking programs to address the rapidly increasing diversity in Toronto schools. She was a co-founder of the University of Toronto's Women's Studies Program where she taught for seven years from 1971. In 1983, she began a five-year term on the Ontario Government's Advisory Council on Women's Issues. She has served on numerous voluntary sector boards, is actively involved at the neighbourhood level on social housing, land use planning and heritage preservation, and has received numerous awards for her work in social justice and human rights issues.

Currently, she is the national Chair of The Word on the Street Canada, President of the LEARNXS Foundation and serves on the boards of the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care and Innis College Council at the University of Toronto. Ceta also serves as a member of the Equity Studies Advisory Committee at New College, University of Toronto and the Community Worker Program at George Brown College. She is a member of the Grange Park Advisory Committee working closely with the Art Gallery of Ontario and is the Honorary President of the Grange Community Association.