

## **PAUL DAMASO**

### **Biography**

Paul Damaso brings a strong track record of success in leading creative projects and initiatives with organizations such as St. Christopher House in Toronto, ParticipACTION, the Province of Ontario, Brampton Safe City and the City of Mississauga.

Since joining the City of Mississauga in 2005, Damaso has led diverse portfolios as Manager, Corporate Marketing and Promotions, Manager, Mississauga Celebration Square, Manager, Culture Operations and most recently Acting Director of Culture.

During his current tenure, Cultural attendance has steadily increased, Celebration Square has been a two-time finalist for Canada's Great Public Spaces, the Culture Division completed strategies that will shape Mississauga's cultural development over the coming decade, the City implemented its first Cultural Policy and Mississauga appointed its first ever Poet Laureate.

Damaso holds an Honours Bachelor Degree from York University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Leicester.

Born and raised in Toronto, Paul has been a resident of Mississauga since 1997. He is married and the proud father of two daughters, who are talented and emerging artists. Paul has served on the Living Arts Centre Board since January 2015. In his spare time, Paul loves film, music, performing arts, reading and sports. He's excited for the future of Culture in Mississauga, the incredibly talented artists we're producing and the important role that Culture will play in shaping Mississauga's future.