



Julie Côte

Chief of Operations, Communications and Governance

"I truly believe that operational excellence is more than a goal. It's a key strength that transforms strategy into success and turns vision into reality. It's born out of collective commitment, where everyone's talent is aligned with a shared ambition that drives the entire organization forward."

Julie Côte is an experienced strategist who oversees operations, communications and governance for the Desjardins Group Pension Plan (DGPP).

She's been with the DGPP since 2022, and her current title is Chief of Operations, Communications and Governance. She oversees all of the pension plan's operations and heads up the Investment Support, Operations and Financial Disclosure Department, the Plan Member Services and Communications Department and the Governance and Operational Risk Team. She also sits on the Executive Committee and the Investment Management Committee.

Before joining the DGPP, Julie held strategic roles at the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ), including Senior Director of Business Initiatives and Financial Governance, in which she helped coordinate the execution of the organisation's priorities. She was also Senior Director of Administration and Investment Support for multiple asset classes, with the mandate to support investment sectors with their initiatives and optimize processes in alignment with the organisation's growth.

Julie has a degree in finance and an MBA with Distinction from HEC Montréal, where she specialized in strategy and finance. She's also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

Julie is involved with the community, including as treasurer and member of the audit committee for Le Chaînon, an association that helps women in need. In 2023, her leadership, career achievements and community involvement were recognized by the Association of Quebec Women in Finance, which presented her with the Rising Star award.