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Michèle is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Care Watch Ontario, an organization led by senior citizens that advocates for improved home care and community services for Ontario's elderly. They monitor Ontario's home care system and community services and provide analysis and feedback to policy makers to improve the system's quality, accessibility, and equity.

Michèle holds a Master's in Environmental Studies from York University, and a BSc (Cum Laude) in Social Work from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Her foci have been community planning, social policy, and legislation. She believes in the strength of community and value community action, and has undertaken leadership roles in many local, city-wide, provincial and international non-profit organizations to advocate for community health and health equity, including the South Riverdale Community Health Centre (past President), the Ontario Health Coalition (first Executive Director), the Ontario Public Health Association (former Director & Public Policy Chair), and the Ralph Thornton Community Centre (Board and Planning Committee Chair). She has also worked on numerous community development projects relating to affordable housing, domestic violence reduction, employment training, literacy and health, and support services for seniors, youth, women, aboriginal people, and refugees. As a member of Care Watch's Board of Directors, Michèle also chairs the Strategy Task Group.