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Vanessa Rae joined the Public Safety Branch with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services in 2011 as a Senior Policy Advisor. Vanessa's main focus is to support the implementation and operationalization of the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012 (the Act). Vanessa was also a key player in two public consultations which the ministry undertook to develop a regulation to support One Call in its administration of the Act, which was passed in March 2014. Led by Vanessa, in the summer and fall of 2016, the ministry undertook targeted stakeholder outreach to gather information on the impacts of the Act and its regulation on excavation activities in Ontario.

Prior to 2011, Vanessa worked in the Consumer Protection Branch of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services in various operational roles to support the ministry's consumer protection mandate. This included several years as a Bilingual Consumer Services Officer, in which she handled consumer complaints and inquiries in English and French. Vanessa first joined the Ontario Public Service in 1999 working at the Family Responsibility Office with the primary responsibility of enforcing orders for spousal and child support.

Vanessa studied literature and languages and has a Bachelor of Arts in Humanistic Studies from McGill University. She has more than once caught herself wondering about whether or not people have called for locates when she sees all the various excavation activities taking place in her Toronto neighbourhood.

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