



AUDIO | Tech companies can do more to get more women on their boards, survey finds

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Tech companies large and small, and both north and south of the border, can do more to get women on their boards. (iStock)

Tech companies – large and small – can do more when it comes to having women on their boards.

That's the finding of a new report from Boston-based VELL Executive Search.

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Their survey of 600 companies in Canada and the U.S. found two-thirds had just one woman or no women at all on their boards. Less than 12 per cent of the tech companies surveyed have three or more women on their boards.

Dora Vell is the managing partner at the firm and said there's still a long way to go.

"It's all about building an ecosystem of high performing individuals," Vell told *The Morning Edition* host Craig Norris Friday. "I think it's all about getting our highest

performers to the best seats for them, for the best opportunities for all.



U.S. President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, left, host a meeting with women business leaders in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington on Feb. 13. (Evan Vucci/Associated Press)

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