

Executive Director's Message



I am pleased to provide the Executive Director's message for the fifth report of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM).

This past year was an exciting and productive year for the AMM. At our Strategic Planning session in January 2003, the Board of Directors agreed to a number of strategic directions for the AMM.

Some of these directions included:

- * Enhancing the professional development needs of the Board, staff and membership. This included offering four professional development seminars to our membership over the past year.
- * Total review of the AMM by-laws.
- * Better tracking of our resolutions and timelines for these resolutions. Much progress was made in this area, including a status report on resolutions included with the annual report.
- * Further development of a database that allows staff to track all issues and resolutions brought to the AMM for action.
- * Ensuring that the number one issue for the AMM, education funding from property taxes, was a major issue in the provincial election campaign.

This year we were fortunate to once again recruit some excellent staff to complement our existing AMM staff. This has led to a professional team of dedicated staff that are committed to serving the Board of Directors and our membership.

On the financial side, the AMM and MTCML continue to be strong, as shown in the financial statements in this report. The AMM is committed to continuous improvement in the services, events and programs we offer to our membership, while at the same time being financially responsible in our operations.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support and guidance throughout the year. I would also like to thank our staff for all their efforts in making the AMM a first-rate, professional organization that continues to evolve in order to meet the needs of municipalities into the future. In addition, I would like to recognize the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association (MMAA) for their contribution to the success of the AMM. Their advice and input are truly appreciated. Finally, I would like to acknowledge our member municipalities. They are an excellent group of devoted municipal officials dedicated to the betterment of their communities.

We hope you find this annual report a valuable resource on the AMM and the issues facing municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Masi".

Joe Masi
Executive Director