

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME event



Joe Masi, Executive Director

A Century of Vision, *A Decade of Partnership* is the theme for our 10th Annual Convention, and for this commemorative issue of the *Municipal Leader* as well. In fact, it has been our guide for the entire past year, as we have celebrated our 10th anniversary as an association. The year has been filled with activities, contests, prizes, and get-togethers, and it will all culminate at the end of November as we gather at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

From the moment you arrive at this year's Convention, you will likely notice some slight changes to the norm. For starters, it kicks off first thing Monday morning with a very special item on the agenda – the launch of the long-awaited history book, *With One Voice*. Shortly afterward, the registration desk will open and each delegate will receive a

complimentary copy of this beautiful book which you may then have signed by the author, **Gordon Goldsborough**. It will truly be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

But that is just the beginning, as this year's Convention has been planned to exceed your expectations in all ways. Tuesday morning's opening ceremonies will take place as always, but again with a special twist, as we welcome a number of past-presidents of not only the AMM but our predecessors, the Union of Manitoba Municipalities (UMM) and the Manitoba Association of Urban Municipalities (MAUM). We are indebted to these individuals for their many years of dedication to their respective associations, and look forward to giving them the recognition they deserve.

You won't want to miss a minute of our keynote speakers either, as we've

brought in three of the highest calibre - **Stephen Lewis, Mike Duffy, and Preston Manning**. They need no introduction as they are all icons throughout Canada and all have considerable expertise, insight, and inspiration to share.

I cannot say enough about our gala banquet as we have booked the ultimate entertainer in **André-Philip Gagnon**. Suffice it to say it will be a show you will not soon forget. We've also made it easier for you to choose your seats this year, as you can pre-select them. No more mad rush into the hall to grab a seat!

In short, we truly want this event to be as enjoyable and memorable as it possibly can be. Our staff has been working diligently throughout the entire year to make the 10th anniversary of the AMM special for our member-

ship, and have continued to do so in preparing for Convention. An event of this quality would not be possible if not for the dedication and attention to detail that each and every AMM staff member contributes in their own way. Special thanks must go to **Donna Belbin**, our Event Coordinator, for working her magic as she does with every AMM event; and **Linda Hargest**, who oversees the planning of our events to ensure that everything goes smoothly. Ultimately, though, the AMM operates as a team, and I would like to thank my entire team for their hard work in making this event the resounding success it promises to be.

See you in Winnipeg! 📍

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