



Stuart Briese, President

My final message as AMM President

It is very hard for me to believe that this is the last 'President's Report' I will write for the *Municipal Leader*. The past three years seem to have passed in the blink of an eye. Your confidence in my ability to lead this organization, and your support over the past three years, are greatly appreciated.

While stepping down leaves me with mixed feelings, I have always been a firm believer that change is good for any organization. Change brings fresh ideas and perspectives and recharges an organization. Basically, I feel the same way I felt in 2001 when you first elected me to be your President – that a fresh start would be good for the AMM and good things would happen as a result. I think I did have a hand

in making things happen, and for that I am very proud.

However, I couldn't have succeeded without the support of my two Vice-Presidents, **Ron Bell** and **Garry Wasylowski**, to whom you have also shown your confidence by electing them to serve over the past three years. I would also like to acknowledge the exceptional people who make up the AMM's Board of Directors, as well as the dedicated AMM staff. It is truly an organization that operates as a team and that has made my job much easier as a result.

What will I do after officially stepping down? Well, they say a change is as good as a rest, but I think a short rest is in order! Seriously, the demands of President are

extremely rewarding, but time consuming, and my farm in the RM of Langford has been a bit neglected over the past while. I look forward to having some time to catch up on things that need doing at home. After that, I'm not sure – but I do know that "retirement" isn't a word that I plan to use anytime soon.

Finally, I have to extend my thanks to **Joe Masi**, Executive Director of the AMM. Joe and I have worked very closely together over the past three years, and if I could name one person who I learned the most from during that time, it would be Joe. His experience in government helped me tremendously, and his friendship and support was and is deeply appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and confidence in my abilities over the past three years. I look forward to seeing you at Convention! ●

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