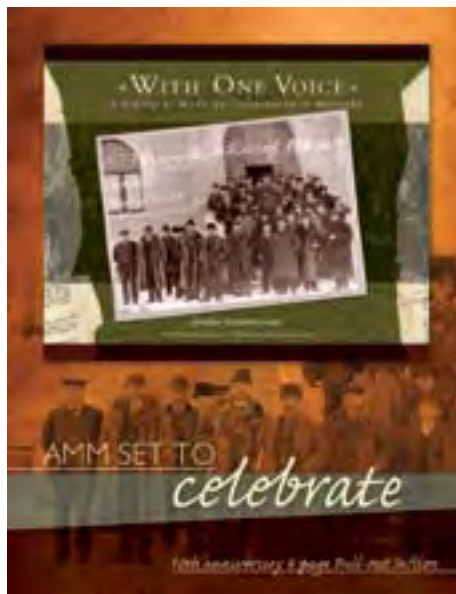


SETTING the record straight



Both Ken Carels and Larry Walker are pictured in this 1995 UMM Board of Directors photo. Walker is in the back row, far left. Carels is seated in front, second from the left.

*“When you publish a book,
it’s the world’s book.
The world edits it.”*

– Philip Roth

*“He who does not expect
a million readers should
not write a line.”*

– Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

*“I have always thought of
writing a book as an
opportunity to make a million
mistakes in public.”*

– Dr. Francis Carroll

Have you guessed what the topic of this issue’s “And Furthermore” is yet? If you guessed it is the AMM’s history book, *With One Voice*, you guessed correctly. You may be wondering what more we could possibly tell you about *With One Voice*, since we began promoting the book over a year before publishing it last November. The author, **Gordon Goldsborough**, has continued to tirelessly promote the book across Manitoba so that the story can be shared with as many people as possible.

However, as the quotes at left suggest, publishing a book is only the beginning. From the moment the first person turns a page, it is open to scrutiny (as it should be). Books are written for readers and readers are the ones who will let you know if and when errors occur. While we are extremely proud of the accuracy within the wealth of information presented in our book,

a few errors have been identified. We would like to correct them here.

On Page 135, there is a list of Honourary Life Members from all three associations – the Union of Manitoba Municipalities (UMM), the Manitoba Association of Urban Municipalities (MAUM), and of course the AMM. The 12th name on the list is well-known to many – the late Ken Carels. The list incorrectly identifies Ken’s municipality as Neepawa. Ken was from the Town of Melita and served that town as councillor from 1971-1980 and as mayor from 1980-2002. He also served on both UMM and MAUM boards, and was very active in numerous other government boards and committees.

Ken was awarded an AMM Honourary Life Membership in 2004, and sadly, passed away on January 26, 2005. We sincerely apologize to Ken’s family for this error.



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A second mistake occurs on Page 136, also within the Honourary Life Members list. The 9th person from the bottom, Larry Walker, is incorrectly identified as being from Rosser. Larry is in fact from the RM of Miniota, where he began his municipal career in 1980 when he was elected as a councillor. He was then elected reeve in 1989, a position he held until his retirement from local government in 2002. Larry was elected to the Union of Manitoba Municipalities (UMM) board of directors in 1989 and became Vice-President in 1993, serving three terms.

Larry was awarded an AMM Honourary Life Membership in 2003, and he was an active participant in the AMM's 10th anniversary celebrations over the course of the past year. We sincerely apologize to Larry and his family for this error.

A third error occurs on Page 140, under the list of Manitoba municipalities. The 7th and 8th municipalities on the list – the City of Portage la Prairie and the RM of Portage la Prairie – have their population numbers switched. The correct information is:

Portage la Prairie, City: Pop. (2006) - 12,728
Portage la Prairie, RM: Pop. (2006) - 6,793

We sincerely regret this error.

The purpose of including these lists in the book's appendices was to ensure that those individuals and communities instrumental to leading the AMM to where it is today were recognized. We also wanted to honour the work of our former presidents and honorary life members, along with the executive directors and of course, present members – the municipalities who are our lifeblood. The lists did pose a risk as they open the book up to further scrutiny; however, we felt it was a risk worth taking to ensure recognition is given where it is deserved. 



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