

## It's the season for AMM EVENTS



Joe Masi, Executive Director

I sincerely hope as you read this message that spring is in the air, because as I write it the temperature is hovering at around  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ! It often seems Manitoba winters are endless, but a sure sign of spring is always our series of Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings that ran from March 13-26 this year. These meetings are a great opportunity for the AMM executive members – President **Ron Bell** and Vice-Presidents **Shirley Kalyniuk** and **Doug Dobrowski** – to update municipal leaders on a wide variety of hot-button topics. Perhaps even more importantly, the meetings give those municipal leaders an opportunity to interact with others in the same region to discuss areas of common concern. Any networking opportunity is by default a learning opportunity, and Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings are definitely a place to learn about the issues that are taking centre stage in your region and throughout the province. Thank you to everyone who attended!


Typically, Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings come on the heels of our annual Municipal Officials Seminar (MOS) and Trade Show. This, as you know, has changed. MOS is coming up in mid-April and promises to be a larger and more exciting event than ever before. The move from the traditional February timeline came about due to logistics – there was not enough room for all of our potential displayers to take part in the MTCML Trade Show. This one-day municipal event is the largest of its kind in Manitoba and had simply outgrown the venue. Obtaining additional display space for our valued suppliers necessitated a change in date. The resulting additional display spaces available

mean the Trade Show could see upwards of 160 booths under one roof!

Another plus to the date change is that our staff now has ample time to plan an even more outstanding event. And outstanding is what it promises to be, not only due to a larger Trade Show and top-notch policy and professional development sessions, but our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary calls for some extra-special activities, as well. You will want to be sure to stick around after the Wine & Cheese reception planned for 4:00-7:00 pm on the Wednesday evening of MOS – a very special fireworks display is planned for your enjoyment!

Our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary has also given us cause to reflect on our past and look forward to our future as an association, and

we simply can't do that without input from our membership. That is why we have commissioned a member survey that is currently being conducted. View-points Research is contacting heads of council and CAOs in all municipalities

in Manitoba to garner your feedback on the AMM. We want to know, honestly and confidentially, what you think of our events, communications, lobbying efforts, structure – and in what directions you would like to see us move as we enter our second decade of serving our members. We appreciate the time you are donating to assist us in this endeavor, and look forward to taking this opportunity to learn from you. 

See you at MOS!

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