



Ernie Epp, President, MMAA

But I prefer “ERNIE”

Since being given the responsibility of representing the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association in the position of President at the end of April, I’ve been referred to in all sorts of different ways. Mr. President, our Illustrious Leader, Mr. Chairman and sometimes YOU (as in “What are YOU going to do about it?”). They are all fine, but just to get the record straight, you can all just call me “Ernie.”

Though many of you know me to some extent, I considered it worthwhile to give you a little more insight into the person I am by providing this additional background information.

I’m one of the many farm kids that grew up and left for the big city. That life, however, didn’t last long. After marrying, my wife Robyn and I moved to Boissevain (my hometown and a lot quieter than Winnipeg) to start a family. This is where I got my start in the field of local government administration. That was almost 24 years ago.

From Boissevain, I moved on to work in municipal offices in Erickson/Clanwil-

liam, Leaf Rapids, Hanover, East St. Paul, and now Morden. Including my time at Boissevain/Morton, I’ve worked in six different municipal offices. I believe that this broad background will help me better understand all of the diverse issues that

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will arise during my tenure. Whether it is a small community, rural, northern, capital region, or urban growth area issue, I’ve had at least some personal exposure to them all. Being well over 40, we’ll hope that the experience thing trumps the

fading memory thing and I will be even better suited to serve.

I truthfully enjoy what I do. Helping mould and create the community that I live in; providing assistance to those that live there; and seeing the successes, no matter how small they are, gives me a great sense of satisfaction and really enhances what I perceive to be my self worth. I can’t help but believe this is what all Administrators strive for.

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I also feel the MMAA has the opportunity to expand its role in assisting local government to continue to improve. I look forward to seeing further accomplishments in this area.

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the next while, and invite you to say hi when the opportunity arises. ■



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