



Stuart Briese, President

Events, persistent lobbying for the upcoming year

Once again, I'm writing to you as President of the AMM. Your confidence in my ability to lead this organization, and your support over the last year, have been greatly appreciated. I'm pleased that you believe and agree in the direction the AMM has gone in the past year and I am committed to making the upcoming year as successful as my past two years as President.

However, I couldn't have succeeded without the support of my two Vice-Presidents, **Garry Wasylowski** and **Ron Bell**, to whom you have also shown your confidence by selecting them to serve another year. I'd also like to acknowledge the support of the other exceptional people that make up the Board of Directors, as well as the AMM staff. Everyone has worked so hard this year and the outcome has been a truly solid, winning team.

We are entering the next year with a

new Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade, **MaryAnn Mihychuk**. We look forward to developing a strong working relationship with her and maintaining the good working relationship we have with staff in her department. The AMM has worked very hard over the past four years to keep the provincial government accountable and sensitive to the needs of municipalities. The AMM Executive and Board of Directors are committed to ensuring municipal concerns are heard.

A major issue the AMM will continue to lobby against is the continuing encroachment on our property tax base from both levels of senior government. As our main source of revenue for municipalities, this is unacceptable. On behalf of the Board, I promise that we will follow every avenue to ensure that senior levels of government do not encroach on our property tax base.

Along with our meetings with Ministers

and senior government officials this year, the AMM has some exciting events planned. We have several educational seminars coming up that I think you will find very useful. As well, we have the Municipal Officials Seminar and Trade Show in February that I think will offer very practical and enjoyable sessions. There are also the Mayors, Reeves and CAO meetings in March, which always offer the Executive, Board and Staff a chance to listen to your district's individual concerns, as well as a chance for the AMM to keep you updated on where it has been and is going. We will also be moving quickly on the top priorities the Board set out at our January strategic planning session. And, as always, the AMM will continue to work hard at promoting strong local government. ●

See you at M.O.S.!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Stuart Briese". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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