



Our role on the ‘TEAM’

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Together Everyone Achieves More – what a great theme for the recent AMM Convention; and from that great theme came the idea that we at the

Manitoba Municipal Administrators’ Association should define our views on the role of administrators on the ‘TEAM.’

You may have noticed that the MMAA

has become increasingly interested in sharing its views on new legislation as it pertains to the operation of municipal government. The MMAA, however, sees itself as an ‘advocacy’ group, not a ‘lobby’ group. The MMAA recognizes that setting policy is the responsibility of our elected officials and that putting policy into practice, in the most efficient manner possible, is the responsibility of administration. We take this responsibility seriously and, therefore, have developed a strategy. We believe that, by coming to the table early, we are able to offer advice that will ultimately provide the best possible systems to institute such policy. The MMAA has, and will continue to, request participation at the earliest point in the process. We are pleased with invitations provided by the Province and with the way in which **President Ron Bell**, along with the Board of Directors and staff at the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, includes our Association in their deliberations.

Members of the MMAA also recognize their role as a research and information resource for council. With this in mind, the Association places emphasis, within its Mandatory Professional Development program, on providing members with the latest information, expert opinions, and a forum in which administrative components of the municipal issues of the day can be discussed. We appreciate the support that councils throughout Manitoba have given to our members in the pursuit of Professional Development and ask that, in recognition of the ‘TEAM,’ councils continue to do so.

This will be my last article for *The Leader* as President of the MMAA. I would like to recognize the significant progress that all members of our municipal family have made in promoting the ‘TEAM.’ I have no doubt that this continues to improve the service that we provide to the citizens of Manitoba. Thank you for the opportunity that you have given me to be a part of it. ♡

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