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Keeping our eye on the road ahead

As I approach the end of my term as President of MMAA, I find I am measuring the time left by performing certain functions for the last time: my fourth and last series of fall district meetings this past September, my last AMM Conference as President and my Second last *Leader* article. I'm not sure why, but when it comes to drafting reports, writing letters, preparing by-laws, I can produce voluminous amounts of relevant documents, but when I have to sit down and do a free flowing article like this, I never know where to start.

One of the most pleasurable parts of my time as President of MMAA has been

attending AMM Board meetings and interacting with AMM Board and staff. I have been truly impressed with the focus and direction of AMM and the great working relationship AMM has with both the Province and MMAA.

For the 9th AMM Conference "Mission Possible" this year, the theme focused on the sometimes-stormy journey that municipalities travel to improve their citizens' quality of life. While it seems straightforward enough, this journey is seldom a smooth one. There are plenty of bumps on and potholes in the road. After all this is Manitoba and of course there isn't any shortage of potholes.

Chief Administrative Officers and senior staff are chosen by council to identify and address these barriers on a daily basis; and to keep the municipality on the road, always pointed forward. Chief Administrative Officers and senior staff are responsible for the placement and operations of the systems that are required in order to move in the direction mandated by the elected officials on council. Together, we make the "Mission: Possible."

On behalf of the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association, I want to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. ☺

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