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Dear Friends,

I am Mayor Larry Johannson from the City of Selkirk and I am running for Vice President at AMM. I have been married to my wife Charlotte for 46 years we have four children and 6 grandchildren. Family is first and foremost and means everything to me. I have worked at Canada Safeway for 43 years, now retired, and the bulk of those years were in management. I am proud to say, many that I have worked with and mentored, went on to have successful careers within the company. I have served 4 terms in Municipal Government: 1 as Councillor and 3 as Mayor.

- I served over 12 years on Red River Planning Board.
- I am currently Board Chair for the North Red Waterway Maintenance (Amphibex) and have been part of this board for 12 years.
- Currently on the Mayors and Reeves of the South Basin Lake Friendly Board.
- Chaired the Accommodations Expansion Committee which resulted in a multimillion-dollar hotel being built in our City - the first in decades.

In my time as Mayor, our successful team has:

- seen the most commercial and residential housing starts in our city's history
- we are at the highest census Selkirk has ever had
- we brought in a transit route service - 1st for the City
- we are leaders in Capital Asset Management and Climate Change Adaptation and worked with both AMM and FCM on the development of these files to benefit all Municipalities
- we work closely with our RCMP inspector on policing issues in our region - we know policing is a hot topic with all Municipalities across our province and is one that needs to be addressed.

I am proud to have been the AMM Cities Caucus Chair for the last 2 years and we have all worked hard to elevate it to be a strong voice for our Manitoba cities. Additionally, during my time with the Cities Caucus, we worked hard and Co-sponsored the resolution that brought back the Roads and Bridges program that was cancelled by the Province. This program came back strong and put money back in the hands of the Municipalities for much needed projects in our Communities. This resolution was supported by over 130 Municipalities and that is something we are extremely proud of. We are now working with AMM, Municipalities and the Province to improve Bill 48 so it will be beneficial to all Municipalities.

Some of the issues I have worked on and will continue to work on for you as Vice President:

- keeping the Roads and Bridges program successful
- address the unacceptable funding freeze since 2016
- stronger policing for Manitoba Municipalities - just like many Municipalities, we depend on the RCMP for policing and we will work to ensure our Communities are safer and more secure
- work at better recycling programs for Municipalities
- work at solid waste and wastewater management treatment
- work at Bill 48 so it is a benefit to Municipalities, not a deterrent

I believe that we are and should remain committed to working hard for all Municipalities large and small; as well as making AMM an even stronger voice when working with the Province to ensure all Municipalities are at their full potential. I believe that when we are at the table with the Province, we remain friendly but firm in our asks and our needs for all Manitobans.

I have worked hard at Safeway for 43 years, I've worked hard for the citizens of Selkirk for 15 years; now let me work hard for you as your next Vice President at AMM and together we will all succeed.

Thank you for your continued support!

Larry Johannson,  
Mayor of the City of Selkirk