

## AMM – Municipal Councils and CAO's - VP Election 2020

In any election campaign it is important to get to “know” the candidate, what they represent, who they actually are, not only on the campaign trail, but what happens on a day to day basis, what are their strengths, or perhaps even some history.

Let me begin by saying I was raised as a farm boy, operated my own farm, built a career serving farmers for 37 years, 21 working for a Multi-National Grain Company, and 16 years establishing my own Family Owned Grain Company. I built the first Soybean Crushing plant in Manitoba in 2003 and it still operates today!

The reason I want to mention this is that I want you to understand, I understand Agriculture and rural issues. I am NOT a politician, rather I am a sincere individual whose only aspiration is to serve others and improve our Manitoba Municipal issues by working for you!

I built a successful career in Agriculture not because I was extremely well qualified, neither was I well qualified to become Mayor, but I was successful in both because I care, and listen, and frankly don't have a lot of patience for political games.

I currently have some grave concerns about the disunity in some Municipalities, and I believe there should be some help offered by AMM. Advice is available, but it must be directed to areas needing help, and we find out what is needed by listening. I will listen!

On the Political front, we need to feel that we are communicating with the Province. Communicating means both parties have to listen and come to a conclusion. Some decisions may not be to our liking, but at least you need to have a sense of being listened to!

I am a very open book, easy to read, and not afraid to make a point and I do become passionate about issues that are critical to Municipalities, which you may have noticed at previous AMM Conventions.

This is who I am, and if some of these issues resonate with your experience, I am willing to help stand up for you. If you simply want someone who says yes to every political or bureaucratic direction, sorry I am not your candidate to lead this organization.

The CHOICE is clear, and it is in your hands! I respect your decision!

Your Vice President candidate for 2020

Martin Harder – Winkler MB