MANITOBA & SASKATCHEWAN CAMA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE 2018-2019 NOMINEE



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I would like to thank you for this opportunity to be considered for the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) Board of Directors, representing Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Below is a brief overview of my history in local government and why I'm interested in being a Board Member for CAMA.

Bio

I have been very fortunate to have a career, which spans 31 years in local government. I strongly believe that local government is the closest form of government which serves our citizens. The beginning of the twenty-first century is an exciting and challenging time in which to work in local government in Canada. Finding new solutions to longstanding and emerging problems are at the core of local government activity today. The past 14 years of my career have afforded me an opportunity to be very involved with various aspects of local government which include;

- Strategic Planning Establishing goals and objectives with a sequence of steps is very important to achieving successful outcomes for any strategy.
- **Finance**, **Budgeting and Accountability** The preparation and adoption of the budget document is probably the most important single decision that a local government makes on an annual basis.
- Public Policy Development It's been my experience that the more diverse the involvement in policy development, the stronger the outcome will be.
- Senior Level Communication When the success of a corporation is based on the sharing of information to achieve goals and objectives, communication of that information is critical for success. Poor communication is a path to failure on all levels.

Leadership Strengths

I have reviewed the Strategic Plan for CAMA and fully support the Vision, Mission and Values, along with the pillars of this Association. Along with these statements and values are the strategic pillars which I believe creates a strong foundation for CAMA. The pillars of *Professional Development, Networking and Partnerships, Member Engagement and Support and Resilient Leadership* are ones that I would embrace being a member of the CAMA Board of Directors. If I had to pick three strengths that stand out, which could be a benefit for my role on the CAMA Board of Directors, and support the above noted areas of focus and values, they would include;

- Strategic Leadership Skills and Abilities
- A Knowledge of Local Government
- A Professional

In Closing

I have always enjoyed being a leader and making a difference in any manner possible. This opportunity to be a Board Member for CAMA provides an opportunity to greatly influence our communities by building relationships and creating a sense of pride, politically, administratively and with the citizens of our communities.

Citizens feel a sense of connection to their Cities, its Council and the employees, which provide service. The opportunity to be part of a team with other Board members that will help shape local government and cities in which current and future generations may enjoy and be proud of, is something that I want to be part of and have a key role in creating. What we do today, can last a lifetime in the history of Canada, which is an opportunity I would love to experience, and one that I feel CAMA is doing today.