



## 50 Questions for #CAMA50

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### *What is your favourite place to visit in Canada, and why?*

Honestly its all of Canada! During Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017, my family and I drove from Newfoundland to British Columbia stopping in every Province along the way. What struck me is how every single region of Canada has amazing places and people to discover.

### *In 50 words or less, how would you describe CAMA's value to a potential new member?*

Cities are where the action is and CAMA's values reside in the collective knowledge of its past and present members. Administrating cities is the best job in the world but is also challenging due to the multiplicity of services we deliver. Good base knowledge is required in so many areas so professional development and networking are also a key aspect of values this organization provides to its members.

### *What are your aspirations for CAMA over the next 50 years?*

As cities are ever more important, CAMA will become invaluable over the next 50 years as cities and their administrators are called upon to provide even more to its residents.

***What is your best advice for dealing with an adversarial councillor, committee member, or constituent?***

Always stay professional, don't lose your poise, seek ways to reach them and bring them back to having a constructive dialogue with you.

***If you could pick a theme song for CAMA, what song would you choose?***

Instrumental Theme for [Great Cities by Simple Minds](#) • In the City, by Joe Walsh