# ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2024



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS





#### **WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**



## **AGENDA**

- Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes
- Executive Summary of Annual Report
- Approval of 2023-2024 Financial Statements
- Approval of Appointment of Auditors for 2024-2025 Year
- Approval of Report of Nominating Chair and 2024-2025 Board
- Recognition of Outgoing Board Members
- Adjournment of AGM

## MOTION #1: AGM Minutes / Procès-verbal de l'AGA

**THAT** the minutes of the CAMA Annual General Meeting held on May 30, 2023 at the Deerhurst Resort be approved.

QUE le procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'ACAM qui s'est tenue le 30 mai 2023 au Deerhurst Resort, soit approuvé



## THANK YOU - PAST PRESIDENTS



**Bev Hendry** 



Jack Benzaquen

### REMEMBERING RODNEY CUMBY: HONOURING OUR ESTEEMED CAMA BOARD MEMBER FOR NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

#### RODNEY CUMBY 1965-2024

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of Rodney Cumby, a valued member of the CAMA community and the Board Representative for Newfoundland and Labrador. Rodney's passing on March 8, 2024 marks a significant loss for municipal governance, particularly in Newfoundland and Labrador, where he made enduring contributions to the field.

Rodney Cumby was no stranger to the national stage of municipal government, having served on the CAMA Board from 2015 to 2018 and he was a returning member since 2022. His dedication to advancing the profession and advocating for the interests of municipalities across the country have left a lasting impact.



### 2023-2024 CAMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors who are elected by the membership along with the Past President. It has been a pleasure working with these dedicated professionals.



Jamie Nagy Director MANITOBA & SASKATCHEWAN CAO. TOWN OF LANGHAM. SK CAO, CITY OF MONTREAL-WEST, QC





Mike Dolter Director NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CAO, TOWN OF TRURO, NS



The Late Rodney Cumby Director NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR



Sheila Bassi-Kellett Director NORTHWEST TERRITORY, YUKON TERRITORY & NUNAVUT RETIRED CITY MANAGER CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE, NWT



Jack Benzaquen Past President CITY MANAGER CITY OF DOLLARD-DES-ORMEAUX, QC





DIRECTOR ALBERTA CAO, WESTLOCK COUNTY, AB



**Brenda Orchard** Second Vice-President DIRECTOR ONTARIO CAO, LENNOX AND ADDINGTON COUNTY



**Gary Kent** MEMBER-AT-LARGE (OVER 100,000 POPULATION) CAO, REGION OF PEEL, ON





**Bev Hendry** Past President RETIRED CAO, TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN, ON



### **COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD**



Jennifer Goodine
CAMA Executive Director

 Recognizes individuals making waves in enhancing the well-being of member municipalities.

"Jennifer's generosity is beyond any that we have seen since we have started to rebuild the organization, and we are so thankful. We do not have to reinvent the wheel with respect to the training of senior administrators".

Marla Limousin, NAM Executive Director

## STRATEGIC PLAN – 2022-2027 YEAR THREE



Membership Engagement & Support



Professional Development



Resilient Leadership



Strategic Relationships



A Strong and Sustainable Organization

### MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE

- 825 Members
  - 649 January 2023
  - 700 May 2023
  - 750 October 2023
  - 800 January 2024
- 219 new members in one year net 133
- 60% from communities with populations under 20,000



### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Marc Melanson, CAMA Treasurer, Board Presentative for New Brunswick, City Manager, City of Dieppe, NB
- Bev Hendry, CAMA Past President
- Brenda Orchard, CAMA Second Vice-President/Board Representative for Ontario/CAO, County of Lennox-Addington, ON
- Jamie Nagy, CAMA Board Representative for Manitoba and Saskatchewan/CAO, Town of Langham, SK
- Dawn Chaplin, Retired CAMA Member
- Sean Goin, CAMA Member/Manager of Infrastructure, Town of Devon, AB
- Noreen Zhang, CAMA Member/CAO, Town of Wembley, AB
- Troy Fleming, CAMA Member/City Manager, City of Fort Saskatchewan, AB

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Implementation of Member Business Plan
- Attraction & Retention of Members
- Targeted campaigns in Alberta, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nunavut
- LinkedIn Campaign
- Examined barrier to membership in communities under 1,500

## HELP GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP

Conférence de l'ACAM : Là où les moments inoubliables se mêlent à l'esprit de camaraderie de l'ACAM - Vous n'êtes jamais seul dans votre quête de leadership municipal!

Tout ce que j'ai à dire au sujet de ma première conférence de l'ACAM, c'est WOW! La camaraderie et l'esprit de famille qui règnent au sein de l'ACAM sont sans pareils. Parfois, dans notre rôle de DG, on peut avoir l'impression d'être tout seul et que personne ne fait face aux mêmes problèmes que nous, mais après avoir fait du réseautage et discuté avec d'autres DG lors de cet événement, j'ai rapidement réalisé que je n'étais pas seul. Peu importe que vous ayez 500 ou 2 millions d'habitants, nous avons des problèmes similaires et l'ACAM est là pour nous aider.

50% de réduction la première année! camacam.ca/fr/adhesion



CAMA Conference: Bridging Perspectives, Igniting Inspiration – Where National Connections Transform Municipal Visionaries!

I was able to meet Chief Administrative Officers, municipal staff, and business representatives from not only Ontario, but across the entire country. This national perspective gave me a vantage point to learn about different challenges, perspectives and solutions. It made the national municipal community approachable and I came away feeling refreshed, inspired and motivated to contribute to the municipal sector.



50% off first year camacam.ca/membership



## 2023 CAMA CONFERENCE





DENISE CORRY & JULIE STEVENS

- 270 delegates after a four- year hiatus
- Surplus of \$92,000
- Thank you Sponsors & Exhibitors
- Thank you to CAOs Denise Corry and Julie Stevens

## 2024 CAMA CONFERENCE



- Record 360 delegates
- Thank you to CAO Kelly Gibson (Banff) and his Staff
- 70 First Time Delegates
- 11 Scholarship Recipients
- Thank you Planning Committee:
   Vince Lalonde, Gary Kent, Raffaelle Di
   Stasio, Sheila Bassi-Kellett, Brenda
   Orchard



## **FUTURE CONFERENCES**

- May not be in close proximity to FCM.
- May be in the same region.
- Currently exploring locations for 2026, 2027, 2028
- Watch for the announcement in the Fall 2024 for future destinations.

## THANK YOU – WEBINAR PARTNERS







#### THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 CONFERENCE PARTNERS

#### **Platinum Partners**







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Silver Partners











#### **Bronze Partners**





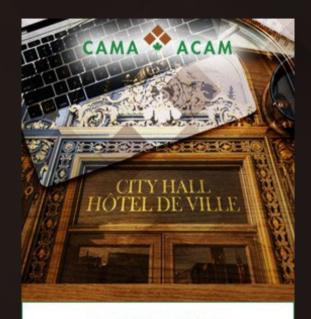


## CLASS OF 2024 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM





- Thank you to Facilitators: Chris MacPherson,
   Murray Jamer, Sheila Bassi-Kellet, and Glen Davies
- Leadership, HR, Strategic Planning, Governance, Political Acumen, Resiliency
- 2025 January Program SOLD OUT
- Two scholarships offered



TOOLKIT
FOR THE EFFECTIVE
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO
THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER



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#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

2024 CAMA CONFERENCE FOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Power of Administrative Excellence

November 3-5, 2024 | Fredericton, New Brunswick

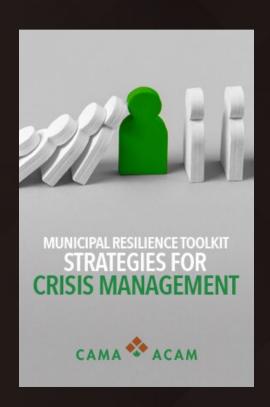
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**CAMA EA Connections** 

## **NEW TOOLKITS**



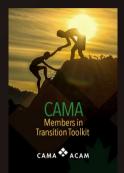


## **TOOLKIT LIBRARY**









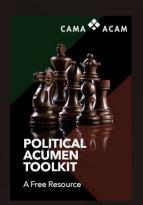


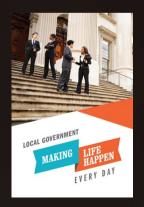














THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE

OFFICER

### **MASTERMINDS NETWORKING FORUM**



It was an absolute pleasure to be a participant in the CAMA Masterminds Networking Forum. These forums provided the opportunity for participants to discuss matters in a "safe space" and brainstorm on solutions and best practices to move our organizations forward in a positive manner. The connections I was able to make with other senior administrators across the country was very valuable.

DENISE CORRY
CAO. TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE, ON





- September to December 2023
- Three English Groups led by Brenda Orchard (CAMA Second Vice-President) and Chris MacPherson (Past President/Honourary Member)
- One French Group led by Marc Melanson (CAMA Treasurer)
- Two Special Masterminds Groups April to June 2024 on "Abuse by Elected Officials".
- Watch for registration for the Fall 2024 Series.



- 93 Recipients
- Theresa Van Oort, CAO, County of Northern Lights, AB (40 Years)
- Jack Ramsden, CAO, Town of Eckville, AB (45 Years)



#### 8 Winners and 45 Submissions

#### Thank you Awards Jury:

- The Late Rodney Cumby, City Manager, City of Corner Brook, NL (Chair and CAMA Board Representative for Newfoundland & Labrador)
- Greg Mariotti, CAO, Township of Georgian Bay, ON
- Shanon Kalra-Ramjoo, Director, Parks, Forestry and Horticulture Operations, City of Vaughan, ON
- Lisa Spitale, CAO, City of New Westminster, BC
- Theresa Fuller, CAO, Town of Bashaw, AB
- Mark Boysen, District Manager/Corporate Officer, North Salt Springs Waterworks District, BC
- Matthew Goudy, CAO, City of Lacombe, AB
- Jane Blakely, Director of Legal, City Clerk & Human Resources, City of Fredericton, NB
- Ian McDougall, CAO, Town of Newmarket, ON
- Marc Landry, Director of Special Projects, Southeast Regional Commission, NB

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Regular updates from FCM
- FCM Asset Management Collaboration Workship Thank you Sara DeGrace (Deputy CAO – Fredericton)
- Federal Government Representatives (Infrastructure Canada and Environment & Climate Change Canada)

#### A Special Thanks to our Business Partners







































































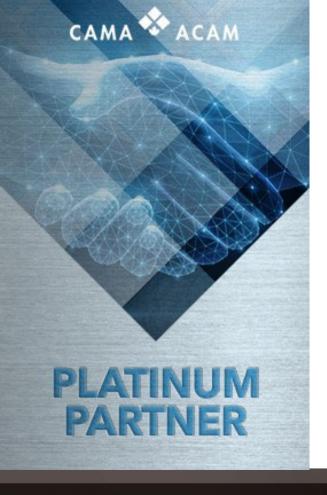












#### LIDSTONE & COMPANY





## NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Provincial/Territorial Associations
- Nunavut Association of Municipalities
- Women in Local Government Administration (WILGA) (CAMA members Elle Brovold, Kealy Dedman and Sandra Lund)
- City of Toronto Women's Network

## POLITIQUE DE BILINGUISME / BILINGUALISM POLICY

#### Merci au groupe de travail:

- Jack Benzaquen, président sortant de l'ACAM
- Tony Kulbisky, président de l'ACAM et représentant de l'Alberta/directeur général du Comté de Westlock (Alberta)
- Marc Melanson, trésorier de l'ACAN et représentant du Nouveau-Brunswick au conseil d'administration de l'ACAM et directeur général de la Ville de Dieppe (N.-B.)
- Raffaelle Di Stasio, représentante du Québec au conseil d'administration de l'ACAM et directrice générale de la Ville de Montréal-Ouest (Québec)
- Mélanie Brisson, directrice générale de la Ville de Sainte-Julie (Québec)
- Yves Léger, directeur général et greffier de la Communauté rurale de Maple Hills (N.-B.)
- Dave Brown, directeur général de l'Île de Lamèque (N.-B.) et président de l'Association des administrateurs municipaux du Nouveau-Brunswick (AAMNB)
- Tina Bubenzer, directrice générale du Village de St Pierre Jolys (Manitoba)

#### **THANK YOU**



- The 2023-2024 Board of Directors
- Actively engage in CAMA-raderie.
- Stay connected with your colleagues and Provincial/Territorial Associations

## TREASURER'S REPORT

#### **Strong Financial Position**

- 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Surplus: \$96,036
- Accumulated Surplus: \$776,950

#### **Reserve Funds**

- Ensure stability of mission, programs, employment, operations
- Cover potential revenue declines or operating deficits

#### **Policy Guidelines**

- Target maximum Reserve Fund: 12 months of average operations costs
- Intended for long-term needs and one-time Strategic Plan projects approved by the Board

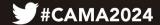
## SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL VARIANCES (YEAR-OVER-YEAR)

- Membership Revenue: +\$25,000 (Growth & 50% off retention)
- General Sponsorships: -\$24,000 (Reallocation: Annual Conference & General Operations)
- Investment Income: +\$8,700
- Job Postings: -\$8,600
- New Program Revenue: \$137,090 (Executive Leadership & EA Master Classes)
  - Expenses: \$117,153
  - Surplus: \$20,000
- Annual Conference: +\$92,000 (First since 2019)
- Management Fees: \$106,819 (Core services + Toolkits)

## MOTION #2: Financial Statements / États financiers

**THAT** the Financial Statements of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators for the year ended March 31, 2024 be approved.

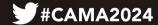
**QUE** les états financiers de l'Association Canadienne des administrateurs municipaux pour l'exercice terminé le 31 mars 2024 soient approuvés.



# MOTION #3: Appointment of Auditors / Nomination de vérificateurs

THAT Spacek Armstrong & Norrad Charters Professional Accountants be appointed as the auditors for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**QUE** le cabinet de comptables professionnels agrées Spacek, Armstrong & Norrad soit nommé à titre de vérificateur pour l'exercice 2024-2025.



- Retirement & Transition
  - December 2023: Retired as CAO (Township of West Lincoln) & Resigned as CAMA President
  - February 2024: Tony Kulbisky appointed as CAMA President and continues for 2024-2025 term
- Executive Positions
  - All retained except First Vice-President and Member-At-Large (Municipalities Under 100,000) vacant until election

#### 2024-2025 Nominating Committee:

- Chair: Past President Bev Hendry (transitioned from Jack Benzaquen)
- President: Tony Kulbisky
- Second Vice-President: Brenda Orchard
- Treasurer: Marc Melanson

#### **Board of Directors Terms:**

- Serve four-year terms, except for Executive roles
- Eligible for re-election after two-year absence
- Terms start post-Annual General Meeting

#### Call for Nominations:

- Sent to membership on February 19, 2024
- Positions available:
  - Member-At-Large for Municipalities Under 100,000
  - Representative for Nova Scotia & PEI
  - Representative for Manitoba & Saskatchewan
  - Representative for British Columbia
  - Representative for Northwest Territories, Yukon & Nunavut
- Additional Position:
  - Representative for Newfoundland & Labrador (vacant due to Rodney Cumby's passing)
    - Call for Nominations issued on April 3, 2024

## **ACCLAIMED POSITIONS**





EVAN PARLIAMENT
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CITY OF REVELSTOKE, BC



NATHAN PETO

CITY MANAGER

CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MB



TRACY THOMAS SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TOWN OF FORT SMITH, NWT



LISA NIBLOCK
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
TOWN OF PARADISE, NL

#### **ELECTION CANDIDATES**





**JEFF GUSHUE**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
TOWN OF YARMOUTH, NS



JOHN JAMIESON CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TOWN OF THREE RIVERS, PEI

#### Candidates for the Election for the 2024-2025 CAMA Board of Directors

Member-At-Large for Municipalities with a Population Under 100,000



YVES LEGER
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CITY CLERK
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MAPLE HILLS, NB



PATRICE BOILEAU

DIRECTOR GENERAL

CITY OF BEACONSFIELD, QC



HORACIO GALANTI

CITY MANAGER

CITY OF AIRDRIE, AB



KARA VAN MYALL CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TOWN OF SAUGEEN SHORES, ON



SHEENA NGALLE-MIANO CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER MUNICIPALITY OF CHELSEA, QC



JODY MURRAY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
TOWN OF PORTUGAL COVE-ST. PHILIP'S, NL



KYLE ATTANASIO
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CITY OF KENORA, ON



JOHN ENNS-WIND

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
TOWN OF GRAND BAY- WESTFIELD, NB



PATRICK PULAK
GENERAL MANAGER OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES
CITY OF BRANDON, MB



PETER NEUFELD

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MUNICIPALITY OF LEAMINGTON. ON



ROBERT TREMBLAY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
TOWN OF RENFREW, ON

#### CAMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-2025

- Tony Kulbisky, President, Alberta
- **Brenda Orchard,** First Vice-President, Ontario
- Marc Melanson, Second Vice-President, New Brunswick
- Gary Kent, Treasurer, Member-At-Large (for Municipalities with A Population Over 100,000
- **Bev Hendry,** Past President
- Raffaelle Di Stasio, Québec
- **Lisa Niblock,** Newfoundland and Labrador
- Nathan Peto, Saskatchewan & Manitoba
- Evan Parliament, British Columbia
- **Tracy Thomas,** Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories & Nunavut
- **Yves Leger**, Member-At-Large (for Municipalities with a Population Under 100,000)
- **Jeff Gushue**, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

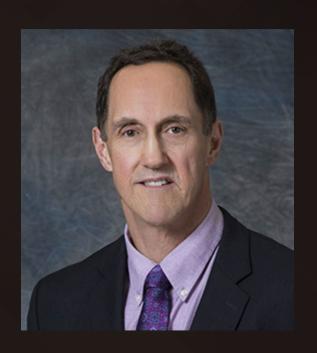
MOTION #4: Nominating Committee/Slate of Officers for 2024-2025 Comité des candidatures / Liste des représentants pour 2024-2025

**THAT** the Nominating Committee Report and the Slate of Officers for the 2024-2025 year be approved.

**QUE** la rapport du Comité des candidatures et la liste des représentants pour l'année 2024-2025 soient approuvés.



## MIKE DOLTER: 2019-2024 REPRESENTATIVE FOR NOVA SCOTIA & PEI



#### CAO, Town of Truro, NS

- Member 2020 Conference Committee
- Member Communication Committee
- Chair 2022 Conference Committee
- Chair 2023 Conference Committee
- Chair & Member Toolkit Taskforce
- Member Financial Stability Committee

## JAMIE NAGY: 2020-2024 REPRESENTATIVE FOR MANITOBA & SASKATCHEWAN



#### CAO, Town of Langham, SK

- Member 2021 Conference Committee
- Member 2022 Conference Committee
- Member 2023 Conference Committee
- Member Communication Committee
- Member Toolkit Taskforce

## VINCENT LALONDE: 2021-2024 REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA



#### Retired CAO, City of Surrey, BC

- Member 2022 Conference Committee
- Member 2023 Conference Committee
- Chair 2023 Awards Jury
- Member 2024 Conference Committee

# SHEILA BASSI-KELLETT: 2023-2024 REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, YUKON TERRITORY & NUNAVUT



CAO, City of Yellowknife, NWT

- Member 2024 Conference Committee
- Member Toolkit Taskforce
- Facilitator Executive Leadership Program

#### JACK BENZAQUEN: 2014-2024 PAST PRESIDENT



#### Directeur Général, Ville de Dollard-des-Ormeaux

- Member 2015 Conference Committee
- Chair/Member Strategic Plan Implementation Team
- Chair Code of Conduct Committee
- Chair 2018 Awards Jury
- Member 2019 Conference Committee
- Treasurer
- Second Vice-President
- First Vice-President
- Member 2021 Conference Committee
- President
- Chair CAO Human Resources Toolkit Committee
- Chair Governance & Nominating Committee
- Chair Bilingualism Taskforce

#### BEV HENDRY: 2023-2024 PRESIDENT



- CAMA President (2023-2024)
- Chair Political Acumen Toolkit Committee
- Member Membership/Communications
   Committee
- Treasurer
- Second Vice-President
- Member CAO HR Toolkit Committee
- First Vice-President
- Member Toolkit Taskforce
- Chair Strong Mayor's Taskforce

### MOTION #5: Adjournment / Levée de l'assemblée

THAT the 2024 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

**QUE** l'assemblée Générale annuelle 2024 soit levée.





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2024 CAMA Conference | June 3-5, 2024 | Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Alberta