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President's Message

**- Jason Chorneyko, President
UMAAS**

"Get the Funk Out"

What a brutally cold period we experienced in January and February. As I am writing this editorial I can safely say that Spring is just around the corner so it is time to "get the funk out" of our systems and shed the winter blahs. I was fortunate to spend a week in Puerto Vallarta in February which helped me shed the funk; however, I did go from +22 degrees to -34 degrees in five hours. Blech.

This will be the last newsletter before our annual UMAAS Convention being held in Saskatoon from June 4th to 7th. Due to the fluctuating nature of our profession the UMAAS Executive has lost another member. Convention Chair Janelle Scott had to step down but I am happy to report that last year's Convention Chair, Brandi Morissette, has graciously taken up the reins. I would like to thank Janelle for all the work she put in on this year's Convention.

I have seen the draft agenda for the Convention and I am really looking forward to the interesting array of guest speakers, education sessions, trade show, and the return of the "Open Forum". The Open Forum is something which our membership has been asking for and we are pleased to be able to bring this item back. Along with our knowledgeable Executive members and hopefully some Municipal Advisors, SUMA's Steven Dribnenki will be on hand to answer any questions of a legal nature.

I am also really looking forward to the extra-curricular activities at Convention. Whether at the Red Zone, the Tour, or the Golf Tournament, there are lots of opportunities to network and socialize with your colleagues. Even though my body is falling apart (shoulders, knees, hips), as I did not treat it like a temple in my youth, I want to return to the podium at this year's Golf Tournament. Let's go team!!

Your UMAAS Executive continues to work for the benefit of the membership. We have our joint agreement with the RMAA regarding workshops. The RMAA is proposing a "Back To the Basics" workshop for the Spring. UMAAS is still deciding on the topic for the Fall workshop. We are also continually meeting on our various committees, consulting with the various Provincial Ministries when required, and continuing to support our membership as well as we can. Although we cannot solve all the problems in Administrator World, I want to commend the Executive for a job well done.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a warm Spring and I hope to see a lot of my colleagues this coming June.

Sven and Olie died and went to Hell. After awhile, the Devil came by to see how his new guests were doing. To his amazement, he found Sven and Olie were still wearing their winter gear and seemed to be quite comfortable. The Devil asked why they weren't hot. Olie replied, "We come from Saskatchewan where it's always cold. This is feeling pretty good to us." This upset the Devil, so he turned up the thermostat. Awhile later the Devil looked in again on Sven and Olie. To his surprise he found they were still wearing their winter gear. The Devil questioned them on it again. "You have to remember that we are from Saskatchewan and it's very, very cold there. This is feeling nice to us." The Devil was even madder at this, so he turned the thermostat all the way up to maximum temperature. The Devil waited some time and then went back to Sven and Olie. This time he found they had only unzipped their coats, but still had all their winter clothes on. The Devil couldn't understand what was going on. The punishment down here was supposed to be the unbearable heat. It wasn't working on these two. He had to ask again what the deal was. Sven replied, "We are from Saskatchewan and we just got over a freezing winter. This is really great for Olie and Me. A light flickered in the Devil's mind. He went to the thermostat and turned it off. He thought if the heat wasn't a punishment, maybe he'd give them some freezing temperatures. A little while later the Devil came back to check in on Sven and Olie only to find them cheering and giving each other high fives, happier than ever! The Devil questioned them on their actions and Sven said happily, "Back home they always said, the Riders will win the Grey Cup again when Hell freezes over!!!"

Executive Director Editorial

- Richard Dolezsar, RMA

I should have pretty much joined the retirement ranks by the time you read this newsletter, retirement from my regular job that is as of April 1st, 2019. I will be staying on a few days a month to provide some mentorship to my successor in the Town office at Hudson Bay. At this point "semi-retirement" may be an appropriate term as I do have a number of opportunities for other part time "non office" work. I will be participating in the June convention and look forward to seeing you all once again.

I know come April there will be a huge change in my life and it is going to be tough to decide what to do that first Monday morning on April 1st. The problem I may have is that there will just be too many options. From an early background of growing up on a farm, operating equipment, working for others in construction and electrical work when I was young, along with a general interest in carpentry and all things mechanical, this has laid a potentially broad foundation for retirement options. I will just have to be careful that I don't end up working harder after retirement than I am now. As it stands now I know, I will really stay busy in retirement, and in fact may have to cancel some of my golf games on the weekend just to go fishing. Talk about a scheduling nightmare! I will have to let you know how I am making out later in the year perhaps in a future editorial.

Speaking of golf I recently came across an article that really extolled the virtues of the game's positive effects on your body and overall health, particularly important for old retired folks like I am about to become.

First off, golf keeps you mentally active as well as physically active. Golf is not just a physical game, but a mental one as well. It calls for strategy, creativity and problem solving every shot. I can really relate to this because some of my erratic shots can get me into situations that require a lot of problem solving along with a great amount of imagination. Visualization focus and concentration are necessary for successful execution. Each round also involves geometry, estimation and of course, arithmetic, all of which helps keep your brain active, which is one of the key ingredients in fighting off the aging process.

Physically the basic activity of walking or hitting a shot increases blood flow to the brain, while the right side of the brain is brought into play with every calculation of distance and elemental interference (I'm talking about wind and changes in elevation here, in case you were wondering)

Conversation also plays a big part in the cognitive function, and what round of golf does not involve lots of that? Personally, I know from time to time it helps me to practice my vocabulary as some of the descriptive words that come out are seldom used in any other situation.

Simply watching the ball through the air stimulates the tracking functionality in your brain, as does looking for it when you are lost in the woods. This is one of my functions which that has been carefully honed over the years, after all living in Hudson Bay I am bound to know my way around the woods.

Golf also has the potential to provide people a feeling of self-accomplishment even if it is just for a single hole or a single shot. This has the potential to lead to greater self-esteem, which in turn can help to prevent memory loss. Now that is something I need to improve on, just ask my wife.

Overall, whether it is golf or some other activity which you enjoy, enriching your environment and participation in positive physical activity can have huge positive effects on both your physical and mental health. You can bet I am planning on an active and busy retirement just for those reasons.

In closing for this edition - Three elderly gentlemen were talking about what their grandchildren would be saying about them thirty years from now. 'I would like my grandchildren to say, 'He was successful and a great leader in the community', declared the first man. 'Thirty years from now, 'said the second, 'I want them to say, 'He was a loyal family man'. Turning to the third gent, the first gent asked, 'So what do you want them to say about you in thirty years?' 'Me?' the third man replied. 'All I want them all to say, 'He certainly looks good for his age!'

2019 UMAAS Convention Promo

- Brandi Morissette,
CAO Town of Pilot Butte
Director Division No. 1

“The Power of You”

June 4 to June 7, 2019 - Saskatoon Travelodge

The theme for the 2019 UMAAS Convention is “The Power of You”. With the ever-changing demand on Municipal Administration, we need to be prepared to manage that change and not let that change manage you. The Convention Committee has prepared an agenda that will empower you. Kicking Convention off with a keynote speaker and breakout session focusing on you and your strengths followed by topics that we encounter everyday such as human rights, progressive discipline and mental health. We will provide you an opportunity in an OPEN FORUM to ask questions of a panel of experienced Administrators, Government Relations Advisors and other experts.

Join us for an evening of fun where you can show off your musical knowledge at Music Trivia and then stay to dance the night away with Dance Land DJ's.

Networking opportunities are a valuable part of Convention and this year we are pleased to offer Women on the Go Tours that will take us to the Remai Modern Art Gallery offering a unique perspective on art and culture in the 21st Century and the always popular golf and BBQ at the Rosthern Valley Regional Park.

Brandi Morissette
2019 Convention Chair
Director, Division 1

Administrator's Profile

My previous career choices as a floral designer, tour guide, business owner, receptionist, and office assistant have well prepared me for a life in Municipal Administration. In August of 2017, I was fortunate enough to accept the CAO – Vibank Village Administrator position, shortly after finishing my second LGA class. I have since finished the LGA classes, and have been enjoying the wonderful community here in Vibank. Vibank has

- Dagmar Crumley, Village Administrator
CAO - Village of Vibank

been a great community to start my career and the neighbouring CAOs have been an awesome resource. They are so willing to share ideas and information.

I am married and have two teenagers and a dog named Indiana. I spend most of my leisure time doing laundry and reading. My husband and I love to travel and are planning a trip to Scotland next year.

Village of Vibank Profile

Community Profile

The Village of Vibank is located approximately 30 kilometres east of White City on Highway 48. The Village was incorporated in 1911. The Village Office is centrally located in the Heritage Centre, formerly the Ursuline Sisters Convent, built in 1923. This elegant old building houses our post office, day care, hair salon, library, judo dojo, dance studio, and is home to the Grotto restaurant.

Today Vibank is home to a regional school, curling and ice rink, community hall, senior's center, senior's housing,

gas station, credit union, post office, hair salon, grain elevator, gym, Mexican Restaurant, a grocery store, bar, and 385 residents. Vibank is very proud of the Primary Day Care, one on the first municipally run daycares in the Province. The day care has 58 spots for infants thru school age children and recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Vibank has everything a growing commuter Village needs; reverse osmosis water plant, new lift station, new residential subdivision, abundant lagoon space, fire department and an active recreation culture.

Urban Board of Examiner's Report

Board Meeting of December 13, 2018 & March 7, 2019

Board Meeting of December 13, 2018:

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Brian De Montbrun	Resort Village of Aquadeo
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Melanie Clark	Village of Vanguard
John Enns-Wind	Town of Battleford
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Michael Mykytyshyn Town of Canora

Board Meeting of March 7, 2019:

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Jan Sylvestre	Village of Muenster
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Pamela Hilkewich	Resort Village of Wakaw Lake
Jody Schmidt	Town of Eston
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SCOTT BLEVINS | CITY MANAGER | CITY OF MARTENSVILLE

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