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President Chris Costley talks about Climate of Change.

Jason Chorneyko talks about New Beginning as the Executive Director .

Pamela Wintringham, Division 5 Director and 2023 Convention Chair provides a sneak peek of this year's convention.

If you have not renewed your UMAAS 2023 membership, please complete the form on page 13.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chris Costley, CAO, Town of Mossbank

“A Climate of Change”

When looking back on my career so far, I think of the huge amount of change in my community and the world. I'm writing this with a personal computer I hold in my hand and recently, at our council table, there were discussions about preparing our community for advances in artificial intelligence.

Change isn't slowing and refusing to adapt will leave us blindsided like the automotive giants of North America when free trade forced them to rethink their business practices. It seems the pandemic, economic instability, and concerns over climate change have or are accelerating change and if you are from Coronach or Estevan, the pace of change is likely of significant concern. Headlines are declaring the “World is on brink of catastrophic warming, U.N. climate change report says” but displaying a picture of a coal power plant in China being built in 2017, a nation that will outpace any reductions we make with their own emissions. I also can't help but notice that the article uses the words “if” and likely” as much as an article about peak oil.

The first peak oil prediction was in 1956 and it predicted peak oil would be reached between 1965 and 1971. Experts are now saying we'll reach peak oil around 2028. I'm not saying we shouldn't be concerned about climate change, but expert predictions have been wildly inaccurate, so we need to consider the harms and risks involved with rushing to net zero within the next 7-10 years and look at more realistic timelines.

We're seeing politicians stoke anger over grocery prices while supporting carbon tax increases. People care about what climate action will cost, so do municipalities, and so do people who elect and un-elect the elected. Despite this, a pause on carbon tax increases isn't on the table. I'm sure your municipal budgets, too, are stressed by 6-8% inflation.

Slow change is preferable to rapid change in virtually all cases to minimize economic and social harm. The pandemic, with the immediate concern it would be as severe as the plagues of history, resulted in social and economic harms we'll be paying for generations from now. Of course, that doesn't mean we can navigate any pandemic without mistakes – when delays have catastrophic effects, one must act quickly – mistakes will be made. The question in terms of climate change is how sure are we about the timeline? I agree, we can't afford to be wrong, but weakening our economy relative to larger polluting states, with less ambitious climate action policies and alignments with states we are in a Cold War with, may be equally serious.

Politicians convinced by the short timeline are driving an agenda of rapid change without the typical consultation with stakeholder groups that improve policy. Censorship of opinions and assertions “the debate is over” to accommodate the rapid change agenda are misguided – the best ideas withstand criticism and we shouldn't fear debate.

When given the opportunity to express your opinion, I hope you'll take it. The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy is asking for your input in a study entitled Governing Sustainable Municipalities and holding public and invitational discussions at the end of March. Please attend and express your opinion! I'm looking forward to hearing what you think!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EDITORIAL

Jason Chorneyko, CAO, Town of Wynyard

“A New Beginning”

This is my first editorial as the new Executive Director of UMAAS. I was hired as of January 1, 2023. Along with me, Lovely Magnaye, my Assistant Administrator in Wynyard, has been hired as the Executive Assistant. We are going to continue the tandem team approach used by former Executive Director Richard Dolezsar and his Executive Assistant Teresa Parkman, and before her, Eileen Danyluk.

Lovely and I, but mostly Lovely, have been busy setting up the UMAAS office in Wynyard. We went to Hudson Bay in December to pick up all the files, equipment, and UMAAS paraphernalia that Richard has gathered over the past thirty-two years. A big thank you to Mike “Colonel” Prystai for driving us to Hudson Bay in his truck and helping us with the move.

The membership may have noticed a few minor changes such as a fillable membership renewal form and updated letterhead. We are not looking at upending the apple cart; however, and with the blessing of the UMAAS Executive, we will be taking a comprehensive look at our website, our legislation, and our policies and procedures. Lovely has a strong IT background and will be looking at making our tools and processes even more beneficial to our membership.

I want to avoid a scolding tone in the next part of this editorial, but, come on people! We have been receiving membership application forms since we began in January. Although a large majority of application forms are filled out completely, I have been very surprised by the estimated 20% of application forms that are incomplete. We are in a detailed-oriented profession and incomplete forms are a sign of a lack of attention to detail.

The incomplete forms are mostly in regard to the further professional development requirement implemented by UMAAS in 2021 that took effect as of 2022. UMAAS Bylaw #4-21 was adopted at the 2021 UMAAS Convention, a convention that was held virtually. The purpose of Bylaw #4-21 is to maintain a level of professional development within our organization and to align us closer to our colleagues in the RMAA. The RMAA has had a requirement for professional development for many years.

The UMAAS Executive knows that the urban municipalities vary greatly in size and resource capabilities. For this reason, the options available to comply with Bylaw #4-21 are extremely achievable for all our members as there are numerous virtual options in which to achieve professional development. It is up to the members to find which option works best for them and to educate their Councils on the importance of complying with the bylaw. If you have some course or workshop that you attend, and it is not listed in Bylaw #4-21, please send the details to the UMAAS office and we will have it reviewed by the UMAAS Executive.

The items noted in the membership forms include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) No information contained under the professional development section and no information contained in the next section as to why there is nothing listed in the professional development section. As any police officer, lawyer, or judge would tell you, “ignorance of the law is no defence”.

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2) The reason listed for leaving the professional development section blank is that the person did not know about the requirement. Please see the above quote. In addition, the bylaw is located on the UMAAS website, plus this item was discussed at the UMAAS Convention, was discussed in the UMAAS Newsletter, and was sent by e-mail.

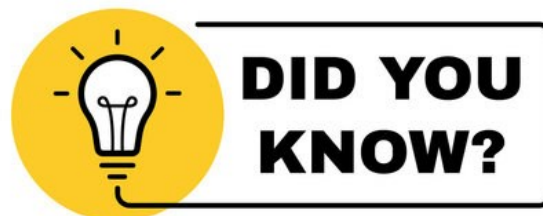
3) Many people are working under a Conditional Certificate. There is an assumption that the applicant is currently enrolled in the LGA Program; however, list that on the form. Everyone knows what happens when you assume.

4) We received a number of application forms without payment and a number of payments without application forms. This item is not earth-shattering as it is mostly a simple mix up in the office, something that occurs in most offices. It is just surprising at how many times either of these things occurred.

5) Bylaw #4-21 applies to all members of UMAAS with very few exceptions. If your Assistant Administrator or CFO or some other member of your staff is taking a membership in UMAAS, they are also expected to comply with the requirements of Bylaw #4-21.

Because Bylaw #4-21 was passed at a virtual convention, the UMAAS Executive has agreed that 2022 will be considered a transitional year for compliance. In 2023 we will be expecting full compliance with the bylaw.

In closing, regardless of the issues seen with the membership forms, Lovely and I are very excited about taking the helm of this fine organization. As administrators, we are in a challenging profession. My experience is that UMAAS is filled with dedicated, hard-working people. We look forward to continue to try and serve the needs of the organization. I hope to see many at the 2023 UMAAS Convention in Saskatoon from June 6th to June 9th. Best wishes everyone.



That you can use the initials R.M.A. which stands for Registered Municipal Administrator after your name as a designation, if you are a registered member of the Association?

That you can be a mentor/supervisor if you are a holder of a Standard Certificate or Rural "A" Certificate for a period of not less than 5 years?

That you can find what Division you belong in Bylaw No. 3-08?

2023 CONVENTION CHAIR MESSAGE

Pamela Wintringham, Division 5 Director

“Embrace the Unknown”

I attended my first “in person” UMAAS Convention in 2022. It was an amazing experience! Convention is a welcoming, nurturing environment for new and old administrators. It is OUR convention and OUR home!

“Embrace the Unknown” is a great follow up to last year’s theme “A Whole New World” and a great prequel to next year’s theme “What the Hell was That?”

I digress...

The 2023 Convention Committee has developed a well-rounded agenda to provide many educational opportunities, but most important, to focus on mental health and the challenges we all face. Featuring keynote presentations from Dr. David Siegel, Professor of Political Science, Keith Comstock, Executive-in Residence, JSGS, George Hleboff, ACP, Ten 10 Paramedic Education and Consulting, and one of our own, Diana Koenning, CAO RM of Bayne, Author and Inspirational Speaker.

The networking opportunities at convention are the most valuable. Once again, there will be opportunity to connect on registration night, at the banquet featuring Hypnotist and DJ Andrew Kinakin, and at the golf and “Women on the Go Tour.” After the networking tours, we will come together as a group for a BBQ!

We look forward to seeing you again! Please remember, attending Convention is a fun way to earn points towards your on-going professional development credits per the Bylaw 4-21 below:

<https://umaas.ca/wp-content/uploads/Office/Documents/UMAAS-Governance/Acts-Bylaws/Bylaw-4-21-Continuing%20Professional%20Development.pdf>

2023 CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Costley

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Convention Registration coming soon!

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Be in the hotel parking lot at 12:30pm to board the bus and journey to Crossmount Cider Company.



Tour

You will enjoy a delicious lunch prior to touring the orchard, production room, and most importantly, enjoying flights of cider.

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Administrators across the province.***

MUNICIPALITY PROFILE

Town of Wakaw

Located at the junctions of highways 2 and 41, Wakaw is within an hour's drive of a third of Saskatchewan's population. Wakaw provides a full-service business profile for residents and visitors alike. Businesses include two grocery stores, five restaurants, Credit Union, automotive services, post office, pharmacy, gift and flower retailers, Sarcan depot, distillery, hardware store, two gas stations, train tour, sign creator, pet spa, barbershop, and a number of home-based businesses. These are complimented with counselling, massage, optometry, dentist, and chiropractic services provided in town. To cap it off, Wakaw is home to the

Wakaw Primary Health and Collaborative Emergency Centre where a full capacity of doctors provide family and minor emergency services.

Wakaw's economic activity is rooted in the contributions of the geographic area, including agriculture and aggregate production leading the way. Agriculture services are provided by two large agriculture retail input providers. Though agriculture is at its core, tourism has always been a strong and growing contributor to economic. Wakaw hosts thousands of visitors a year as it serves over 800 cabins surrounding nearby Wakaw Lake, and visitors to the very popular Wakaw Lake Regional Park. Wakaw is a popular destination for American migratory bird hunters in spring and fall, and acts as a jumping off point for many of the 12,000 annual visitors of nearby Batoche National Historic Site. Visitors shop at the popular retail businesses, take in the distillery and ride the popular tourist train to neighbouring Cudworth. The Wakaw Heritage Museum welcomes visitors and residents alike to its wonderful exhibits, including Canada's 13th Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's law office.

Wakaw is home to Horizon School Division's Largest K-12 school with over 300 students and home of the Wakaw Warriors. Carlton Trail College hosts adult education training and certification programs in Wakaw, while the Wakaw Library provides countless programs for all ages throughout the year to over 970 residents and the surrounding rural community.

Recreational opportunities are made available to youth by wonderful volunteers. Clubs include the Wakaw Lakers Hockey Association, the Wakaw Dance Club, and Verba (Ukrainian Dance Club), as well as Wakaw Gophers Softball Association. Adult recreation opportunities are provided by the Wakaw Old Timers' and Wakaw Titans' hockey teams in the winter months, and the local softball league in the summer. Like visitors of the Regional Park, Wakaw residents enjoy many rounds of golf on the park's beautiful 9-hole golf course. Recent developments include the Crooked Lake Nordic Ski Club who has cross-country trails established at the Wakaw Lake Regional Park, and the Creative Cave, a group of fellow-minded artists who are providing a wonderful addition to the community. With Wakaw's convenient location to Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and neighbouring communities, families engage in the numerous opportunities provided in those communities. Wakaw also has a very active Lions' Club who provides valuable services including a food bank and spray park! The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #195 serves veterans and their families, promotes Remembrance, and serves the community.

Known as, a *Caring Community*, Wakaw has always been a culturally diverse town. Wakaw is named after the Cree word for, "crooked", referring to Wakaw Lake, ancestral home of indigenous peoples. Wakaw was founded in 1911. In the mid-to-late 1800s the area witnessed the settling of Metis people who began making the area home. This is followed by Eastern European settlers, including Ukrainian families. Ukrainian heritage continues to act as a cornerstone in the community's identity. Today, Wakaw is home to people from all over the world. Families who now call Wakaw home come from Korea, the Philippines, Vietnam, Mexico, China, and more.

With everything Wakaw has to offer it is a place to work, live and play, or at the very least, visit.



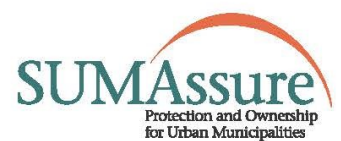
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CAO PROFILE

Pamela Wintringham
RV of Wakaw Lake and Thode



I began working as an administrator in 2011 for the Village of Alvena. I had a Computer Accounting Technician Certificate and office experience, but zero knowledge of local government. I learned the job by trial and error and many phone calls to Advisory Services. I'm still learning! When you stop learning, it's time to move on.

I earned my Standard Certificate in Local Government Administration from the U of R in 2020 and will earn my National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration Level 1 Certificate from the U of A in June. If you are thinking about an advanced certificate, I cannot say enough about the U of A program. It has a wealth of content.

In addition to becoming the UMAAS Division 5 Director last year, I was lucky to be appointed as the Convention Chair for 2023. I am working with an amazing committee and Board of Directors and I am so excited for Convention in June. In addition, I'm excited to work with Jason and Lovely in their role with UMAAS!

I currently work for the Resort Village of Wakaw Lake and the Resort Village of Thode. In addition, I'm appointed as the Development & Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the RV of Wakaw Lake. This has been another great opportunity as I have learned the layout of the land and met many residents over the past two years. Great way to get to know your municipality when you do not live there.

I live in Alvena and I have two amazing children, Emily and Joseph, who I love to embarrass as much as possible. I can't wait to see you at Convention!

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March 14, 2023

The Urban Board of Examiners held its regular meeting on March 14, 2023 and would like to report to you the following Permits and Certificates were issued at that meeting:

Permits:

Name	Municipality	Expiry Date
Joel Cardinal	Town of Nipawin	March 31, 2023
Dustin Fiddler	N.V. of Green Lake	March 31, 2023

Conditional Certificate Extensions:

Name	Municipality	Expiry Date
Leane Johnstone	Village of Belle Plaine	December 31, 2024
April Olver	Village of Roche Percee	December 31, 2024
Madison Jackson	Village of Speers	December 31, 2023
Joanne Roy	N.V. of Beauval	December 31, 2024
Nadia Metz	Village of Fairlight	December 31, 2023
Tanya Stranlund	Town of Rocanville	September 3, 2024

Conditional Certificates:

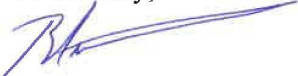
Name	Municipality	Expiry Date
Tracey Fey	Village of Invermay	March 31, 2024
Joel Cardinal	Town of Nipawin	March 31, 2024
Karen McIsaac	Village of Laird	March 31, 2024
Lisa Fayant	Village of Abernethy	March 31, 2024
Tammie Jackson	Village of Torquay	March 31, 2024
Deborah Schaefer	Town of Cut Knife	March 31, 2024
April Olver	Town of Lampman	March 31, 2024
Melody Temrick	Village of McLean	March 31, 2024
Stephanie Reiter	Village of Richard	March 31, 2024
Deborah Setter	Village of Waseca	March 31, 2024

Standard Certificates were issued to Jill Palichuk, Kathryn Novak, Nathalie Neal, Landon Chambers, Julie Marshall, Sheri Carritt, Jessica Dyck, Ora Betty Moller & Silvia Virgilio.

An Advanced Level 2 Certificate was issued to Chris Costley.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself.

Yours truly,



Brad Hvidston
Secretary, Urban Board of Examiners



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(From UMAAS Bylaw No. 1/00)

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Regular Membership D, C, or Standard A or Advanced Level 1 Superior or Advanced Level 2	\$250.00 (\$238.10 + \$11.90 GST)		

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IF YOU DID NOT ATTEND A FUNCTION, PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES:

Have you ever had a Membership Certificate from UMAAS, or any fraternal organization suspended or revoked? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details in full in a separate document.

Under Bylaw 1/00, failure to pay the annual membership fee shall render a member liable to have their name struck from the register of members in accordance with disciplinary committee policy. A \$25.00 fee is payable for reinstatement.

I hereby agree to abide by the Urban Municipal Administrators Act and by the Bylaws and the Code of Ethics of the Association and any other requirements as set forth from time to time by the Association.

Signature of Applicant

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