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A Message from MCCG President Richard E. Mack:

As you can see, the MCCG Annual Report looks much different than years past in that it lacks pictures and an overview of annual events. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to have our regular membership meetings and events as we have done for many years. However, that does not mean the MCCG didn't stop our important work. In fact, I would note we worked harder and collaborated more than ever before.

First, I want to applaud the MCCG membership for working together. When the pandemic started, we were all uncertain of how to proceed, what would be expected of local government and how we could work together. We were feeling our way through the uncertainty together. With that, we banded together. The MCCG Executive Committee continued to meet and the MCCG participated in numerous meetings with local, State and Federal officials. We pivoted from regular social meetings to strategy meetings on COVID-19 restrictions, CURES funding, small business assistance, etc. The MCCG became a resource for information sharing and building on partnerships for shared services.

Additionally, the MCCG entered into a partnership with McHenry County for the Shared Services Coordinator position in the fall of 2020. This position was formed as a result of the McHenry County Coordinated Investment Study. We are excited for this partnership and know it will add more value, services and programs for the MCCG membership.

Looking from 2020 to 2021, the MCCG will continue advocating for the full reimbursement of the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) back to local governments. The MCCG recently joined regional Councils of Governments to solidify our efforts. We will continue to monitor all legislation that impacts our local government and supporting members – including unfunded mandates legislation and legislation that effects the way local governments can effectively and efficiently do business. The MCCG will be your voice Springfield to assist your community. We will also continue promoting important transportation projects in McHenry County to ease congestion and improve the movement of commerce.

Although we had many things to celebrate in 2020, we would be remiss to acknowledge those we loss. Algonquin President and MCCG Transportation Committee Chair John Schmitt passed away in July 2020. John was a true advocate for transportation in McHenry County. He promoted many projects that are built today and understood the big picture of the movement of commerce in and around McHenry County. This past spring, we also lost Fox River Grove President Bob Nunamaker who served as the MCCG Secretary. Bob was a wealth of knowledge and provided honest, thoughtful guidance to the MCCG. He served many official roles in McHenry County and helped make Fox River Grove the lovely town it is today. Both will be missed.

I want to personally thank Mayor Chuck Sass and Mayor Brian Sager for their leadership and dedication to the MCCG. Both served on the MCCG Executive Committee for many years and were invaluable to our organization. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Last, but definitely not least, thank you to the MCCG Supporting Membership for your support this past year. We have felt the void of not having our membership meetings and seeing all of our members each month. We look forward to bringing everyone together in-person at our Annual Golf Outing on June 24, 2021 at Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin and again in August at the Pistakee Yacht Club in Johnsburg. We simply cannot wait for that normalcy and comradery. Again, thank you to our local government and supporting membership for all you do to support the MCCG. We hope for brighter days ahead.

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