



## **MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Winnipeg, MB – May 22, 2025 – The Manitoba Association of Architects (MAA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kristine Tubiera as its new Executive Director, effective immediately, and looks forward to her leadership in upholding the MAA's mandate in protecting the public and regulating the architectural profession in Manitoba.

Kristine brings extensive experience in professional regulation, membership services, and organizational leadership, having worked with CGA Manitoba, CPA Manitoba, and, most recently, as Founder and Owner of LMVA Consulting. She also has early career experience in the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) industry, providing her with valuable insight into the profession the MAA serves.

"We are excited to have Kristine take over the leadership of our association," said Vice-President, Melissa McAlister who led the Search Committee. "With her unique skill set and professional capabilities, we look forward to watching Kristine make this role her own."

The MAA would also like to take this opportunity to announce the retirement of Judy Pestrak from her long-time role as Executive Director.

"Judy has provided exceptional leadership and steadfast service to the Association and its members for nearly 40 years," said President Rina Ricci.

Her accomplishments are many with her noted role in positioning the MAA as a leader on the national stage.

"She has been a leader, a mentor and a champion in ensuring the ongoing recognition of the exclusive scope of practice," Ricci added, "and in building relationships across our profession and many others in Manitoba and Canada."

Other accomplishments include a government relations agenda that strengthened Fairness legislation, redefined Limitations legislation and many other regulatory matters.

"Judy's dedication and contributions have been critical to the MAA's success, and we extend our sincere thanks and best wishes as she moves into retirement," Ricci added.

The Manitoba Association of Architects is a self-governing professional association, mandated by the Province of Manitoba under *The Architects Act* to regulate the practice of architecture in the province. In fulfilling its mandate, the MAA serves to protect the public interest and advance the profession of architecture.

Further information about the Manitoba Association of Architects can be found at [www.mbarchitects.org](http://www.mbarchitects.org).