



## **Deputy Minister**

### **Economic Development and Training**

Jan Forster is the Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Training. In addition to developing Manitoba's economic opportunities, Jan oversees activities and functions related to post-secondary education and workforce development and immigration. Previously, she held the position of Deputy Minister of Municipal Relations where she oversaw departmental activities seeking to establish a legislative, financial, planning and policy framework supporting effective municipal governments and the sustainable development of communities in Manitoba.

In the past, she was Assistant Deputy Minister of Post Secondary Education and Workforce Development in the Department of Education and Training, with responsibility for advanced education, student financial assistance, adult learning and literacy, and numerous labour market skills and training programs. She was the ADM responsible for Employment and Income Assistance programs, policy and budget for a number of years. Jan lead Manitoba's Consumer Protection Office for several years, and spent many years as Executive Director of Policy and Planning for Manitoba Family Services. She has extensive experience in working on Federal-Provincial-Territorial issues and agreements.

Jan entered the Manitoba Civil Service as part of a Management Internship Program in 1997, where she spent several years on rotational assignments and management training. Throughout her career, Jan has led and supported the development and implementation of multiple whole-of-government strategies.

Jan graduated from the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration.