

# Arthur J. Sciorra

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Feb- 2006 to Present  
City of Ogdensburg, New York  
City Manager/CEO/CAO

*New York State Conference of Mayors award for Economic development 2010*

*ICMA CMA Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Performance Management at San Jose Annual Conference 2010*

*ICMA Achievement Award for Performance Measurement presented in 2009 Montreal at the Annual ICMA Conference*

- Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer responsible the administration of all City affairs; appoints and removes any City department head; directs and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the City; reports on all revenue and expenditures regarding the financial condition of the City and submits a proposed budget for the up coming year.
- This is a full service city with a full time fire department with a Seaport on the St. Lawrence River.
- General Fund budget \$10 million, total budget \$17 Million.

### Accomplishments:

- Re-organized the Code Enforcement function, charter amendments, local law, fee structure and staffing.
- Reduced tax rate 15% in last budget to a twenty year low.
- Held overall general fund budget to less than 1% growth in last budget.
- Reduced size of all departments staff and capital budget.
- Implemented a Strategic Management Plan, citizen service satisfaction survey and departmental Performance Measurement System. ICMA Certificate of Achievement award for Performance Measurement.
- Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment of waterfront property.
- Preparing waterfront Master plan and Brownfield redevelopment plan.
- Reviewed the City Charter and recommendations for changes in the charter.

- Completed \$3 million dollar waterfront Visitor's Center glass and hardy plank structure overlooking the municipal swimming pool and marina area.
- 11 million in grants for infrastructure, pedestrian bridge, and neighborhood revitalization. Participating in the New York Mainstreet Revitalization Program and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.
- Completed renovation of stone exterior of historic City Hall.
- Completed an energy audit of all city owned facilities.
- Completed a Long Term Control Plan for Combined sewer-storm overflow.
- Recruitments and appointments: Fire Chief; Police Chief; Parks and Recreation Director; City Planner; Economic Development Manager; and City Attorney.
- Negotiated eight union contracts.
- Negotiated a ten year sales tax sharing agreement with the county.
- Negotiating the development of a regional water and sewer system between towns, village and city.

Feb - 2000 to Jan - 2006

**Village of Cassopolis, Michigan**

Village Manager

- CAO responsible for all departments; Full service community; Downtown Development Authority; Planning Commission; two unions; experience in economic development; housing, and grantsmanship, experience with computerization of records and billing systems.
- County seat community. Oversight responsibility for the following functions: police, roads, storm water drainage, water and sewer utility, parks, recreation, planning, zoning, finance, general services and personnel.
- Operated a Regional Water and Sewer system involving services to four towns and two villages. Developed and negotiated service and development agreements.

Accomplishments:

- Set up a housing rehab and new housing program utilizing federal and state funding grants.
- Mixed use revitalization grants for second floors in Historic Downtown district.
- Prepared a Gateways and Downtown Streetscape design review for the Central Business District. Following principles established by the National Mainstreet Program and Historic Trust.
- Revitalized the Downtown Development Authority and prepared a Market Analysis and Downtown Properties plan for rehabilitation, marketing of vacant properties and dilapidated buildings.
- Partnered with the county in a strategy to market the industrial park in the village.
- Over all promotion of the downtown has lead to increased occupancy rate, purchase of downtown properties, and overall investment in the business district.

- Prepared a new zoning map that rezoned older residential Lake District property on the state highway to mixed use zoning. This has resulted in reinvigoration of dilapidated commercial and residential property and raised property values.
- Village purchased an 18,000 square foot building in the historic downtown. Renovated and leased space to a bank and medical facility. Revenue from the leases will pay the capital and operation cost of the building and provide a positive cash flow.
- Annexed 160-acre high end lakefront site condominium to the village. This will bring many thousands of dollars in increased property taxes to the village.
- Developed a new Lakefront Park.
- Redeveloped the children's park.

1998-1999

**Village of Horseheads, NY**

Village Manager

- CAO responsible for all affairs of the village.

1997-8

**Metis Nation of Alberta**

Economic Development and Tourism Sector Advisor for the Metis Nation of Province of Alberta

- Advise and assist six regional councils and 60 local community councils on the development of mechanisms and initiatives for capital formation and business formation, training and employment strategies.
- Created a network of Economic Development Corporations.
- Served on Board of Directors of Investment Corporation.

**Positions outlined below from 1985-1996 were all Province of Alberta Public Service**

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1993-95

**The Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families**

Senior Policy Consultant

- Project Management Advisory Team on the Reform and Commissioner's integration of services to Children and Families.
- Participated in the development of a comprehensive plan to integrate and reform services to children in the province. A \$400 million program.

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1990-1993

**Alberta Department of Community Development**

Manager, Special Services

- Researches, plans and supervises on policies and strategies regarding use and access to historic sites, and museum collections in the Province.

1989-90

**Alberta Department of Municipal Affairs**

**Edmonton, Alberta**

Manager, Municipal and Legislative Advisory Services

- Supervised a unit of professional municipal advisors, accountants and legal.
- Services to all Provinces' Municipalities.

□ District Manager, Improvement Districts

- Responsible for eight municipal areas comprising a 2000 square mile of urban and rural lands. Similar to a multi-county manager. Handled all municipal functions and eight local offices, and two regional offices.
- Responsible for a unit that administrated all natural resources for the areas, such as oil, gas and pipelines. Negotiated surface leases with multinational resource companies. Developed a wide area geographical information system for natural resource well sites, pipelines, and other man built infrastructure.

**End Alberta Government Public Service positions.**

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1983-84

**Town of Cumberland House, Saskatchewan**

Town Administrator, CAO,

- Overall management of town's municipal services

1979-83

**Norcrush Corporation Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

General Manager

- Setup and operated a mobile stone aggregate crushing outfit.
- Managed remote sub arctic operations of companies.
- Contracts with Saskatchewan Department of Transportation

**Northland Development Management Corporation**

Manager

- This was a management company that managed contracts and projects for a consortium of construction companies that did work in remote sub arctic uranium mines.

**City of Albany, New York**

1978-1979

Supervisor of Employment and Training Management Information Unit, Department of Human resources.

**EDUCATION**

1978 Passed General and Specialty Boards at the Masters of Public Administration level  
Concentration: Public Administration and Policy; and Development Administration

The Nelson A. Rockefeller Graduate School of Public Affairs  
State University of New York - Albany  
Albany, New York

1975 Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*  
State University of New York - Albany  
Albany, New York

1972 Studies in Planning and Systems Design,  
The Buckminster Fuller School of Environmental Design  
Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, Illinois

#### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Business and Economic Development Planning  
Community Development  
Municipal and Local Government Management and Advisory Services  
Development Administration  
Program and Policy Planning

US Army Veteran

#### **COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:**

Member of the National Historic Trust Main Street Preservation Program  
Member Michigan Local Government Management Association, served on the Public  
Member Michigan Local Government Manager's Assoc. Education Committee and  
Legislative Committee.  
Member Michigan Municipal League Legislative and Urban Affairs Committee  
Member International City Managers Association  
Member Michigan Local Government Management Association, serve on the Public  
Education committee  
Previous Director, Executive Board, St. Albert Youth Hockey Association, 2000 players,  
AB, CA  
Previous Director, Executive Board, Heritage Hills Cooperative Housing Association,  
AB, CA  
National Coaching Certification: baseball, football, and soccer

References for Arthur J. Sciorra: on request