



## **A Message from Debby Sosine, Algonquin President & President of MWCOG**

Metro West Council of Government has had an exceptionally productive year, marked by meaningful accomplishments and forward-looking initiatives across state legislation, regional collaboration, organizational growth, and shared service expansion.

Throughout 2025, we continued to strengthen our engagement with state legislators, focusing on several high-priority municipal issues, including:

- Transportation funding and policy
- Municipal pension matters
- Solar farm regulation
- Home rule authority

In addition, we successfully passed the Fire Hydrant Bill—a **significant legislative win for municipalities and Fire Protection Districts**.

Our participation in the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) remains strong as we collaborate on shared regional priorities. Engagement with other Councils of Government (COGs) was expanded, reinforcing intergovernmental cooperation and strengthening strategic alignment across the region.

This year brought substantial growth in our business partnerships and sponsorship support—an achievement made possible by the outstanding staff at Metro West.

- Business Partner membership increased by **23%**, adding seven new partners for a total of **42**.
- Sponsorship revenue increased by **44%**, reflecting stronger relationships with the business community and expanding support for our programs.

We continue to work closely with Kane County to expand shared service opportunities, with a focus on addressing social worker needs and improving support in this essential field.

None of this progress would be possible without the partnerships we are fortunate to share with our municipalities, legislators and sponsors.

**Thank you for all you do for your communities, for Metro West, and for our counties.**