

Andrew Black --- Candidate for Mayor October 20, 2022

I am excited to announce my candidacy for Mayor of the Town of Tantramar. Having become increasingly involved in municipal politics over the last several years, I am eager to grow my role and represent our Town with rationality, integrity and pride.

I have lived in Sackville most of life, moving here in 1985 with my parents John and Deb Black (Hicks) to be closer to my family that has deep roots in this area. I am married to Kathy Treash of Sackville and have 3 wonderful kids Phaedra (13), Roman (11) and Margot (4), and many extended family members who reside all over the Tantramar area.

I graduated from Tantramar Regional High School in 1993 and Mount Allison University in 1997. After leaving Sackville for a few years, we returned to start a family in the Town that I love. In my professional career I have worked for several businesses in Sackville including the Co-Op, Jean Coutu Pharmacy and Blugenics Innovations. I have also co-owned and operated two small businesses. I am currently employed with Gordon Food Services as a supply chain analyst out of my home office here in Sackville.

Elected to council in 2016, I became Deputy Mayor over a year ago. I just recently became President of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick and a sitting board member for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. These roles have given me a unique perspective on our community and municipal issues, and access to contacts and ideas from across New Brunswick and Canada. Additionally, through my seats on Sackville's Business Improvement Area and the Climate Caucus of Canada, I work to ensure that the concerns, priorities, strengths and triumphs of our Town are heard locally, provincially and federally.

The Town of Tantramar may be a new town, but the people who live within its borders have always been part of a collective community. We go to the same high school, play sports together, go to the same events, hike the same trails, and fish the same streams. We all support our local entrepreneurs and rally around our hospital. This election brings new possibilities, giving those in our area who have never been able to vote municipally the chance to decide who should represent them. We will have the opportunity to combine our strengths and have a unified voice around the issues that matter to us all.....healthcare, housing, education, climate change, public safety, the economy and a vibrant and sustainable community.

For those of you who know me, and those who don't, I am a committed fighter who does not back down in the face of adversity. I am always willing to have conversations and debate to find solutions and consensus. Please contact me with any questions, concerns or feedback, and exercise your right to vote on Nov. 28.