

Tantramar Mayor-Elect Andrew Black, December 20, 2022, remarks at the swearing-in ceremony for newly elected members of Tantramar council held at the Veterans Community Centre in Dorchester.

I want to thank everyone for being here with us tonight. Thank you to the new members of council for the soon-to-be created Town of Tantramar for putting their names forward to serve the community that you love.

Thank you to our new CAO for taking the reins of Tantramar and thank you to the clerk's office and the rest of our staff for putting this together for us this evening.

Big thanks for all the press who are here tonight to cover what is our first step as a new municipality.

And finally, thank you to the public who are here with us tonight, who are watching from home. It is because of all of you that we are here tonight and stepping into our respective roles for the Town of Tantramar.

The next few years will be hard; they will sometimes be chaotic. There will be times where we may all feel the pressure of municipal governance and trying to make things work. There will be challenges and there will be obstacles.

The council, staff, those of you here tonight and at home, remember that obstacles are those frightful things that you see when you take your eyes off the prize and that being challenged in life is inevitable, but defeat is optional.

We have an amazing opportunity before us to be the first council of the Town of Tantramar and to do the best we possibly can for this community, to set the bar incredibly high over the next four years and to set a precedent for years and years to come.

Everyone who is up here tonight that ran for election promised to work hard for their community and to represent, not just their ward, but do what they can for the whole municipality. This is the path that we start on and it is a road that we will travel together.

We find ourselves here tonight as the new council of the Town of Tantramar being sworn in the Village of Dorchester and that is a fantastic start to the next four years.

Thank you again for being with us tonight and I am so looking forward to serving all of you as your mayor.

Thank you very much.