

## **K.C. Hingley -A New Voice for our Community**

My name is K.C. Hingley and I am asking for your support to become the next Councillor for Ward 5 in Tantramar, representing the communities of Aulac, Point de Bute, and Jolicure. My family and I moved into the area in 2022 – the same year this district became part of the new town of Tantramar. In these four years, as the town found its legs as a new entity, I have been concerned that our ward hasn't had the attention it deserves. Those who live here know that our small, rural community is home to some of the most generous and friendly people in Canada.

### **My Experience**

I spent ten years managing a retail business in British Columbia before moving to New Brunswick, where I joined the staff at Mount Allison University. I quickly became an active Union executive member, and have now served a full two-year term as President of the Mount Allison Staff Association. Throughout all of this I have also worked in the gig economy as a musician, producer, and audio engineer.

In my opinion, the most important skill any leader needs is the ability to work with people. For a municipal councillor that means listening to the needs of the community and bringing the concerns forward in a responsible and balanced way to the council, and working for positive change with community members, councillors, the mayor, city staff, and other stakeholders.

We often need to balance what we want right now, with what we need tomorrow. As a parent I know that the cost of living is top of mind for most households. When you couple that with higher taxes, rising utility bills, and other costs that come from government, it is easy to be frustrated – especially as we seem to lose access to things we come to rely on: a reliable energy grid, affordable meals, and even being sure to have water in our wells.

### **My Priorities**

My platform rests on three pillars: Family, Good Governance, and Arts and Culture

#### Family

The first pillar of my candidacy and one of the big answers to "why did you decide to run?" is family. My family is my top priority and many people might not realize, driving Ward 5, that it is a family community. Yes there are farms and animals and shops and restaurants, century homes and magazine-cover worthy barns and fields, but families are at the heart of all of it.

I would like to see a more family friendly Ward 5. I would like to put some effort into slowing the traffic down a little, create public gathering and play places, and do things that bring our community together.

### Good Governance

In my work as President for the Mount Allison Staff Association and in my past as a business manager, I have learned that there is a place where policy and people intersect. I know that we don't all always agree, but I know that even through disagreement comes positive outcomes. Our town needs a strong council this term as they tackle very difficult issues in the Fire Department and with upcoming government plans such as the proposed gas plant and toll booth. We need to be brave enough to make a stand if we disagree with the Provincial government, and we need to know when the good outcomes of a project might be the best choice for the community. We need to speak without fear and act without indecision.

### Arts and Culture

I am a musician, producer, and engineer. I have toured most of this country and I have worked in music and theatre related business and organizations for 20 years. In my opinion our town is far too reliant on Mount Allison for Arts and Culture. It needs its own special place – separated from “recreation,” in the town planning and priorities. A long term goal for me is the creation of a town operated arts and culture centre independent from MtA that can play host to touring musical acts and provide a home for local theatre companies and other community and touring arts projects.