

## **Michael Tower**

### **A short biography.**

I am a lifelong resident of Tantramar, having lived most of my in Sackville and 7+ years in Dorchester. I helped raise two beautiful children, Jason and Michelle, and now have four grandchildren. After graduating from TRHS, I proudly served 9 years with the 8th Hussars before putting in 47 years at the Sackville ANBL store.

I enjoy time with family in Moncton and Ottawa, researching our family genealogy, gardening in Summer and working puzzles in Winter, and daily walks with my wife, Lynn and our pup, Rory.

### **A brief statement or paragraph about why you decided to run for Tantramar council (or in some cases, why you decided to run for re-election).**

I have been honoured to be a public servant and voice for Sackville -- and now Tantramar -- residents for many years. I respect the public as my "employer" and prioritize supporting them as we grow the Tantramar community. I strive to be an effective bridge between the public and Town Hall, where decisions are made. Occasionally, I have been approached to explain policies or decisions made in Council. I enjoy engaging with people, listening to their concerns and ideas, and as a member of Council, make their ideas realities.

An important skill I recently exhibited was that of the power of persuasion, when I argued in Council that it **IS** a role of Council to fight for the the health and welfare of residents regarding any proposals within the boundaries of Tantramar, regardless of the jurisdiction of a business enterprise. I made this argument during a discussion of NB Power's ProEnergy RIGS project and the detrimental impacts it could have on Tantramar residents and environment; the resulting motion passed: 5:2.

I respect the responsibility entrusted to Council by the residents of Tantramar. As a Councillor, we have many projects to consider -- urgent and future, needs and wants, large and small, affordable and those requiring fund resourcing. Currently, much of my time and effort have been focused on the following 5 concerns:

- rejecting NB Power's planned ProEnergy RIGS project in Centre Village
- resolving issues within the Sackville Fire Department
- continuing to push for the return to full 24-hour service in the Sackville Hospital
- bringing the Civic Center to full accessibility, including the installation of an elevator
- ongoing discussions of the needs and possibilities for a new Library and permanent home for the Sackville Farmers Market