

My name is Andrew Black and I am seeking a seat as a councilor in Ward 3 for the upcoming municipal elections on May 11th. I was on the former Town of Sackville council for 6 years and have been serving as Mayor of Tantramar for the last 3 and half years. For the last four years I have had a seat on the board of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) as President for 2 years and now as Past President, advocating on behalf of communities across the province. As such, I also served for 2 years as a board member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and was co-chair of the Atlantic Caucus for the FCM. My working background has been varied but the majority of my career has been spent in corporate retail and business, having owned and operated 2 local businesses in Sackville. For the past 2 and half years I have been working as a mentor at Open Sky Co-operative.

Being on council for 9 and half years has taught me a great many things and I have had the opportunity to not only see, but be a part of, significant change in our municipality, and I hope to be able to continue to help guide the future of this amazing place. While I don't have any specific priorities, being only one member of a council of 9, I am committed to hard work, informed decision making, and open communication as a possible member of council. I want to see the continued roll out of our 3 year strategic plan, address and prioritize the recreation master plan, seek to create an economic development committee, strengthen the work that is being done on healthcare, and streamline and modernize the budget process for Tantramar and its residents.

I have lived in Sackville most of my life and my family has deep roots and history within the area. I went to school here, graduated from Mount Allison here, and raised my three kids here. I believe in the strength and resiliency of this community and I want to work hard to not only preserve that but carry the torch into the future as a councilor of the municipality of Tantramar.