

My name is Barry Hicks, and I am re-offering as Councillor for Ward 2 in the upcoming Tantramar municipal election.

I was born and raised in the British Settlement/Westcock area of Ward 2, and I have proudly called this community home for all of my 69 years.

In 2017, I retired from the Town of Sackville after more than 40 years in the Public Works Department. I worked as a heavy equipment operator for 20 years before joining the management team, where I served as Superintendent of Public Works for the remainder of my career.

Through this experience, I gained extensive knowledge of municipal government, particularly in infrastructure and operations. I am eager to continue lending that experience to the residents of Ward 2 and to the entire Tantramar community

Serving the community as Councillor over the past 3 years-including through amalgamation-has been an invaluable learning experience, and I would be honoured to continue representing you. I remain committed to being your voice on the priority issues that matter most to our community, including:

*Advocating for a fair and equitable tax structure for Local Service Districts (LSDs), so residents are no longer burdened by the current unfair system.

*Supporting economic growth, creating local jobs, and strengthening our municipal tax base for the future of Tantramar.

*Addressing the ongoing challenges within our Fire Department and working towards sustainable, long-term solutions that strengthen safety and support first responders.

*Prioritizing the replacement of the Wheaton Bridge and the Pecks Cove Bridge to ensure safe, reliable infrastructure for residents and emergency services.

*Improving accessibility at the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre through the installation of an elevator and proper seating, ensuring the facility is welcoming and inclusive for all residents and visitors.

There are also many other meaningful initiatives that I will work to advance over the next four years if re-elected, ensuring continued progress and strong representation for Ward 2.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue working together toward a positive future for all who call Tantramar home.

Barry lives in British Settlement with his wife Rhonda and their senior chihuahua Ellie. They have a blended family of four children and eight grandchildren.

