



**NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CAMA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
2019-2020 NOMINEE**



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City of Summerside, PEI**

Dear CAMA Colleagues,

I am asking for your vote to help me become the NS/PEI representative on the CAMA Board. Over my ten plus years as a CAMA member I have had the privilege of meeting many of you at our national conference and I've come to learn that we are all cut from similar cloth. We work hard day in and day out to improve our communities. When we have a free evening we're usually volunteering somewhere. And on the weekend, we know the next phone call will come at any time. Our towns and cities are full of those who "lift" and those who "lean". If you're a member of CAMA you're a "lifter" – and I'm just like you!

My background is pretty straight forward. I was lucky enough to grow up in beautiful Summerside, PEI and I've been blessed to work for my home town for the last thirteen years. I lived in Nova Scotia for seven years doing an undergrad degree at Acadia and a law degree at Dalhousie. Like most of you I like to be busy and volunteer where I can. I've been the President of our Chamber of Commerce, I serve on the discipline committee for the PEI Law Society, I'm currently on the Executive of our local hospital fundraising foundation, and have served on the PEI Organ Donor Coalition. While that type of volunteering is important, I must admit my favorite volunteer time is spent coaching or managing my two sons' minor baseball, hockey, or soccer teams.

We all know that working as a CAO can be a lonely job by times. My experience has been that CAMA provides us with a national forum for networking and professional development. Our association allows us to share and discuss accomplishments, ideas, and challenges. CAMA helps remove our sometimes sense of isolation, and indeed helps us maintain our sanity!!

CAMA is a well governed organization and we currently have exceptional staff. I know from experience that doesn't happen by accident. Solid board governance provides the environment for that result. I value the experiences that CAMA has offered me and am strongly committed to this organization.

I believe I have the experience and enthusiasm to make a positive contribution to the Board and help guide CAMA into the future. I would be honored to represent Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and all CAMA members on the Board. Respectfully, I ask for your support and your vote!