

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



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I started my working career as an Army Logistics finance officer with the Canadian Forces. As I progressed through my 21-year military career I worked throughout Canada and internationally on peacekeeping operations. As the Comptroller at Canadian Forces Base Kingston, I was responsible for the financial operations of the Base which was effectively a municipality of more than five thousand people. This experience peaked my interest in municipal management. In 2005 I retired from the CF, to accept the position as CAO with my hometown, the City of Corner Brook,

NL. I worked for the City until 2014, moving to Truro, NS to take up the reins as the Town's CAO. As a CPA CMA with over 14 years as a CAO my focus is on strengthening community financial performance to better face the significant fiscal challenges that are today's reality.

I graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1985 with a Bachelor of Commerce and obtained my Certified Management Accounting designation in 2001. In 2003, I completed my Masters in Business Administration from the Royal Military College of Canada.

This is an exciting time to be a municipal administrator in Canada as we engage with our residents through multiple communications channels, implement modernized business practices, work toward infrastructure renewal, and take actions that truly make a difference in the health and vitality of our communities. Since becoming a CAO in 2005 I have been a member of CAMA. I continue to be impressed with the great work the Board does on our behalf through advocacy, providing professional development opportunities, mentorship or simply by being the national and international face for municipal administration in Canada.

I am currently Vice President of the Nova Scotia Association of Municipal Administrators. I felt it was critical for me to be involved with the provincial association so that through our Board I could do my part in addressing some of the issues we face as a profession and assist in bringing about change that helps us all do a more effective job for our communities. It is with that philosophy in mind that I have put my name forward to represent Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on the CAMA Board.

I have previously volunteered with CAMA as the Association's representative with the Rick Hansen Foundation on a mobility app development project providing the municipal perspective on the app's practicality and dealing with potential issues as the app's implementation evolved. I also volunteered for the conference program sub-committee for the 2017 CAMA Conference in Gatineau. It was a great experience to help shape the program for the event and work with Marie-Hélène Lajoie and other administrators from across the country.

Like you, I am a dedicated champion for my municipality, the Town of Truro, NS. I welcome the opportunity to represent NS and PEI on the CAMA Board but I also feel, having lived in most of the regions of Canada, that I can bring a broader perspective to the table. We live in exciting and challenging times. Let's work together to ensure we all continue to succeed and prosper.