
THE FUTURE I WANT TO SEE FOR KIPPENS-MICHELLE MACISAAC



SOME DETAILS ABOUT MICHELLE MACISAAC...

Born in Stephenville, on August 20, 1969, to Gordon Bennett of Port Aux Basques, and the late Joyce Brake, of South Branch, NL

Values learned from my parents:

->Always work hard and do your best.

->Stay humble and always show gratitude

-> Show respect to everyone, treat the janitor the same as you would the Queen.

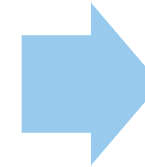
-> Always help others, especially those who can do absolutely nothing for you

->Be kind, especially to those who are unkind to you, they need it more.



Where Michelle has lived:

- She was born in Stephenville, and lived there until 1980
- Moved to Jeffrey's and grew up a beautiful rural home with 9 acres of land, farms all around us, and the incredible Bay St. George behind our home. The early winters of the 80's gave her the solid back bone and strength to face anything!
- Left for Nursing School in Corner Brook in 1987, lived in residence until graduation in 1990.
- Moved to Port Aux Basques for her first Nursing job in March 1990.



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- In 1991 transferred to the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, NS to be a Nurse in the big city, quickly realized she hated the "big city", being away from Newfoundland, and made the very difficult decision that she had made the wrong career choice and left nursing.
- Moved back to Stephenville in 1992 and worked at various odd jobs such as waitressing and bartending....learned more about life from these jobs than I did in any school!
- Met her husband Randy MacIsaac, a lifelong resident of Kippens.
- In 1994 decided to go back to College to study accounting, business and computers. Graduated with an Honors Diploma in 1995.
- Randy and Michelle had their first child in June 1995, their second child in April 1998 and moved their family to Kippens in 2006.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Education

- Attended grades Kindergarten through grade 4 in Stephenville. Finished grade school in St. Fintan's.
- Graduated with a Registered Nursing Diploma at Western Memorial Regional Nursing School in Corner Brook, in March 1990. Did several MUN courses throughout this program.
- Graduated with an Accounting, Business, and Computers Honors Diploma, Compu-College, Stephenville in 1995

Employment History

- Student Nurse at Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital in the summers of 1988 and 1989.
- Registered Nurse at Charles Legrow Health Centre in Port Aux Basques in 1990/1991
- Registered Nurse at VG Hospital, Halifax, NS 1991/1992
- Various jobs waitressing/bartending in Stephenville area through 1992 - 1995 while attending Compu-College
- 1995-1996: Office Manager with Ace Oilfield Services for Cape St. George Oil Well Project
- 1998-1999: Office Manager with PanCanadian (now Encana) Shoal Point Oil Well Project in Boswarlos
- 1999: Accounting Clerk at College of the North Atlantic, changed to Financial Collections Officer in 2001 and have worked in this career ever since

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- TOOK ON VARIOUS VOLUNTEER ROLES WITH STEPHENVILLE MINOR HOCKEY THROUGHOUT OUR SONS' YEARS IN MINOR HOCKEY, ATTENDED HOCKEY NL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR OUR REGION
- TREASURER & BOARD MEMBER FOR QALIPU CULTURAL FOUNDATION 2019-2020
- ELECTED UNION PRESIDENT OF NAPE LOCAL 1857 FOR COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC IN JANUARY 2019, RE-ELECTED IN APRIL 2021 BY ACCLAMATION.
- MEMBER OF CONCERNED CITIZENS OF KIPPENS COMMITTEE FROM FALL 2018 TO 2020

THINGS I FEEL I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO TOWN COUNCIL

- Community Engagement-> I plan to form several committees made up of residents with varying and vested interest in improving and enhancing our beautiful community. This feedback will be crucial in forming and developing a better Kippens for all ages and dynamics.
- Encouraging Youth Engagement-> Under the Municipalities Act Section 13.1 (1) : Council is permitted to elect one or more youth (age 18 & under) representatives to contribute ideas and plans for new initiatives in Kippens. Our youth are extremely important in helping to create a community that they want to stay in, to live and work and thrive in!!
- Funding Initiatives: I want to promote access to the *many* Government funding avenues available for different Municipal projects. There are literally hundreds of thousands of dollars available for funding projects that can greatly assist, enhance and promote many parts of our lives in this community.
- Examples are: Municipal Capital Works funding, Investing in Canada Infrastructure funding, Multi-Materials Stewardship funding, Climate Change and Environmental Project funding.

PROJECT IDEAS I WANT TO SEE EXPLORED:

- Enhanced recreational facilities in our area. Our Nature Trail system has been severely neglected over the past number of years. There is LOADS of funding available for things like trail enhancement, hiring of summer students to maintain and improve the walking trails, installation of hand rails and boardwalks, solar lighting for evening walkers, possible development of snow shoe/ski trails, warm-up shacks along these trails for residents to sit and enjoy a warm fire and a thermos of hot chocolate. Picnic areas for the summer time where residents could have an outdoor cook up and sit to eat and enjoy the beauty our incredible rural backwoods areas. Improving roads in our community with much better lighting and sidewalks developed.
- A Community Greenhouse and possibly even a Community Chicken Coop. Kippens has TONS of access to Crown Lands in the back of our community that could be used to develop something like this. Such a project could be done with funding and the help of volunteers that would help take care of these areas and the hens, children could be brought in to learn how to gather eggs like our grandparents and great grand parents did! We would be able to produce our own eggs and have them to our residents at a fraction of the cost of store bought eggs and through an organically grown and trustworthy method!
- A project to create a new composting program where residents would contribute their compostable items to a facility designed to create and package large amounts of compost to use within our community and residential gardens to grow our own produce! We need to really FOCUS on food sustainability and securing our OWN food sources! Even possibly raising our own (small number) chickens and turkeys (in areas where this is feasible of course) – has anyone seen the extremely outrageous increase in the cost of food lately!? This is NOT sustainable for us, especially in winter when boat traffic is greatly reduced and affects food availability!



PROJECT IDEAS CONTINUED:

- There are loads of funding initiatives to look at the impacts of climate change that we could avail of for our area and to develop ways to combat this very important issue. Everyone can see the ever increasing effects of climate change in everything from coastline erosion, increases in local flooding, ever worsening wind storms, tide changes, etc. Funding is in place to study these issues and develop ways to mitigate their damage, but we need to be PROACTIVE and get this in place now before it's too late!
- Smaller and more affordable housing projects, especially for seniors and those with challenges and disabilities. Tiny housing has become a staple in many communities, towns and cities across Canada. It gives people with a limited income more options and there is absolutely no reason these can't be developed in our community too.
- Projects to assist the elderly with their ability to stay and live at home verses having to move to long term care facilities. There are many great funding initiatives and ideas being implemented cross Canada. Kippens has a large aging population, we OWE IT to them to enhance their quality of life, after all – they are the foundation of this community! These projects would create jobs for residents and greatly improve the quality of life for our seniors, it's a WIN-WIN for Kippens!

RESPONSIBILITY OF A COUNCILLOR

- TO BALANCE WHAT IS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY:

So what exactly does that even mean? It means ensuring that there is public engagement, such as during Town Council Meetings. A few years ago it was brought to my attention that “Public Town Meetings” of our Town Council were actually banning the public, even the local newspaper reporter was banned for over a year. Our Concerned Citizens Committee read the Municipal Act and knew this was wrong. We lobbied MAPA to help us and make Council aware that this was unfair, and also to put a stop to the “pre-meetings” that we learned were being held. A “Privileged Meeting” where only Council and Staff attend is supposed to only happen on rare occasions, and meeting minutes must be kept, any resolutions must be brought forth during a Public Meeting and adopted. The public can be permitted to give input at Public Meetings after these meetings have adjourned as long as proper procedures are adhered to. As a committee we made several requests to bring concerns to Council after such meetings. Certain Councillors would leave immediately after a meeting adjourned every time we asked to speak, this was so discouraging. I can promise you if elected I will do everything in my power to encourage public participation and engagement. As a Councillor your responsibility is to SERVE the people who elected you and I have every intention of doing exactly that if elected.

CLOSING REMARKS

- In closing I respectfully ask residents to think long and hard about who you vote for on Municipal Council, November 30th , 4 years can be a very long time as residents know all too well. Be sure to choose the candidate you feel will truly LISTEN to the residents, to engage them, and will work to implement and utilize their ideas and desires for this community. Pick candidates you are SURE will work FOR YOU, that will help make this community strong, sustainable, vibrant, a place to be proud to live in, now and 10 years from now!!
- I respectfully ask for your vote and I assure you I AM THAT CANDIDATE!

