

John Higham

John Higham is an active volunteer, experienced community leader and entrepreneur. Raised and educated in British Columbia, John has lived in Sackville for more than twenty-five years, where he and his wife have raised two children.

Active:

John has been active in the community in a variety of ways. As a volunteer, he has served as Treasurer of the Sackville Community Association (Christmas Cheer), President of the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre Board, President of Tantramar Lacrosse, Vice-President of Lacrosse New Brunswick, and a Member of the Tantramar Planning Commission, along with coaching stints within the local minor hockey and lacrosse associations.

Elected official:

In 2008, John was elected to Sackville Town Council. During his four year term he held a number of critical portfolios. He also led a regional analysis of the Finn Commission report on governance changes, monitored major infrastructure projects, facilitated sessions with volunteer groups, and experimented with open houses on town budget items. In May 2016 he returned to civic life and was elected Mayor of Sackville.

Professional:

As a partner in a consulting firm focused on building partnerships among Aboriginal people(s), government and business, John's professional background includes experience in community planning and financial management. He has produced multiple reports on a wide range of issues, including infrastructure, housing, income assistance, child welfare, capacity development, education and environmental policy.

Prior to entering the private sector, John worked with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and was Director of the Rural and Small Town Program at Mount Allison.

John has a Bachelors degree in geography and economics, as well as a Masters degree in Natural Resources Management, both from Simon Fraser University.