

Alain Laberge

I am introducing myself to the Lac Sainte Marie community, but many of you already know me or my family. I am a Knight. You can call me Alain Knight-Laberge. My mom, Suzanne, was born and raised here, just like my aunts and uncles (Roger, Paulette, Romain, and Charles). Her father was Francis Knight and her mother Eva Bertrand. Although I was born in Hull, I spent my summers here as a child, fishing at the public dock with my brother and picking raspberries behind the school. I remember going to visit my great aunt Agnes and running after her chickens. Those were carefree days and I have many fond memories of them. That is why I chose to move here full time.

I hold a Master's degree in finance, an MBA with specialization in accounting, and I am Certified Professional Accountant (CPA). I have been married for 30 years to my wife Nancy, and we have two children: Charles and Vincent. Family is very important to me. As my kids grew up, I coached hockey and was on the board of a daycare centre.

I worked for 28 years in the federal government, holding different positions in accounting and finance, and have been teaching finance and accounting at l'Université du Quebec en Outaouais for 32 years. I have retired from the government and will be slowing down teaching activities, so I will have time to dedicate myself to the duties of a municipal councilor.

As your councilor, I will listen to Lac Sainte-Marie citizens (full-time residents and seasonal) to get to know their concerns and invest myself in finding solutions.

I know our community needs to address important environmental, economic, and social concerns with fresh ideas, commitment, and energy.

At the same time, fairness, transparency, and respect for others are most important values to me.

I wish to serve the community, to do what is best for all. I will be there for you when you need me.