

RYAN R. ESPEY

Greetings Portage la Prairie,

I am seeking re-election to the Portage la Prairie City Council. I have been a Councilor for 3 terms and during that time I have chaired the committees of Public Safety, Community Services, and Transportation. Sub committees I have sat on include the Portage Planning District, Portage la Prairie Parks Committee, Portage Public Art Committee, Public Safety Task Force, COPP, Board of Revision, and more.

I have lived in Portage for 42 years, having moved here as a preschooler. I attended Crescentview School from K-9, and Arthur Meighen High School from grade 10-12, graduating in 1995. From there I worked in various roles before settling in to an 18-year career at Agassiz Youth Centre, which ended in 2016. During that period, I owned and operated Lifetime Health Club among other small businesses. In 2016 I began my career as a realtor and that is what I do currently.

I am a father to 2 daughters; one who attends high school here, and one who recently graduated and working in the community. Until recently, my wife Victoria worked in the public sector as the Executive Director of the Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation. She is now enjoying a new career in the private sector.

You may know me from my sporting exploits having brought 3 World, and 22 National armwrestling titles back to Portage la Prairie. In 2022 I was inducted into the Canadian Armwrestling Federation Hall of Fame. I am still an active competitor in professional armwrestling.

I look forward continuing the work I have been doing on council for the past 12 years and as usual I look forward to hearing from you on the issues that you find important. Together we can make a Portage la Prairie a welcoming and desirable community.

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