

My name is Gertie Canning, I am a Councillor with the Town of Wabush and I have put my name forward once again in hopes of serving our Small Towns on the MNL Board as your Small Towns Director. I have served on Council in Wabush for almost 2 terms now and have enjoyed my time on Council greatly. I was born in Happy Valley Goose Bay and have lived in many communities in our beautiful Province as well as other Provinces in Canada.

As someone that has lived in a Small Town for most of her life I am very aware of the many issues Small Towns face and would love to be able to be your voice on the MNL Board to bring your issues and concerns forward.

Many of you may like to know what kind of education I have or maybe what kind of awards I have received but I don't think that will tell you exactly who I am. It may tell you that I am someone who takes a lot of pride in the education she has or takes a lot of pride in the amount of time that I have given to the many organizations, communities and projects and yes to some extent that would be true. I do have a pretty good education but that is not what made me a hard worker and a fighter for what I believe in, that quality has come from the person I am on the inside, I have a genuine desire to help people and I think I have since I was very young. I didn't love taking time away from my family for all the many things I have done to help others in the past but then if I didn't do that I wouldn't be the person I was meant to be, I wouldn't be the person that my friends and family are so proud of and love dearly. I have raised 3 beautiful children and now have 2 grandchildren and each of them would tell you that mom or grandma is always busy but they will each tell you that they are so proud of what I give to others. They will tell you that it is because of me that they have a desire to help people and volunteer. My husband will tell you that he would be worried if I wasn't burning the oil in the middle of the night or way into the morning, he would say that my dedication to others makes him very proud.

I have achieved many things in my life but my focus will always be helping others, that is what makes me who I am, that will never change. I can tell you if I am not your next Small Towns Director that if I am on Council again next year I will run again so you will not get rid of me that easy.

I am sure that whomever you choose to represent you on the MNL Board as Small Towns Director will do their very best to serve you because it is only very special people that take their time, their family's time and their leisure time to work alongside others to help them.

With that being said I would be honored to serve as Small Towns Director and would love for you to vote Gertie Canning.

If you would like to chat or introduce yourselves please feel free to contact me at [gcanning@wabush.ca](mailto:gcanning@wabush.ca) or at 709-280-5322.