

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2023 BUSINESS AWARDS CEREMONY

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BIOGRAPHY OF DOUG RAYMOND

Doug was born early in the morning on Monday, March 14, 1955 in a midwife's house in Doctor's Cove near Barrington Passage in Shelburne County, as a wild snowstorm raged through the night. He was the first of five children born over a 17 year span to Doug and Hazel Raymond of Yarmouth County. About a year later his Dad secured a promotion as Executive Director of the Childrens' Aid Society of Kings County, so he and his parents relocated to a rental on Church Street near Kentville. In 1968 his Dad was promoted to Western Regional Administrator of Social Services, and transferred back to their home area in Yarmouth County. Doug had completed grades primary through to the end of Grade 7 in Kentville, receiving an excellent early education, and forming many lasting relationships in this area. He was involved in several sports activities, including hockey which began at age 9 and continued to age 65. He is now waiting until he is fully retired and can return to the ice. He has been a member of North's Gym in Canning for the past 7 years with a wonderful group of friends. Graduating from Yarmouth High in 1973 with a scholarship to Acadia University, he obtained a BA here with a major in French. He was the first member of his parents' families to ever receive a university education. All five Raymond children eventually graduated from Acadia. In the fall of 1977 Doug entered Dalhousie University, along with six others, on a combined intensive program for MBA and Law degrees over a four year period. Toward the end of his legal training at Dalhousie, he started a family with a step-son and then a son. He articulated at McInnes Cooper and Robertson in Halifax, one of nine articling clerks there at the time. By 1981-82 interest rates had peaked at 21.5% and no one was hiring when he entered the job market. Fortunately a position came open at the Waterbury Newton

Johnson Law Firm in Kentville, where he was hired as an associate lawyer in April of 1982. After commuting back and forth between Kentville and Halifax for a few months, he secured a rental cottage for his family on the Bay of Fundy Shore in Baxters Harbour. This led to a lifelong affinity with the people of northeast Kings. They eventually relocated to Lower Canard in 1984. In 1985 he left Waterbury Newton in Kentville and formed a law partnership in New Minas with Allison Magee of the Berwick area, known as Cornwallis Legal Services. After six years Doug became the sole owner of Cornwallis Legal Services. It was during this time that he became President of the Kentville and Area Board of Trade in 1985-1986, after serving on its Board of Directors for two or three years. At the time he may have been the second youngest president in the history of that Board of Trade, with the late Garth Calkin of Kentville perhaps being the youngest ever president decades earlier. Doug has enjoyed his affiliation with the Boards of Trade through this area. However, from 1985 to 1988 he also began lecturing in business law at the Acadia University School of Business. That teaching commitment, added to a rapidly expanding law practice, caused him to bow out of Board of Trade affairs as well as a few other organizations at the time, including the Canning Area Lions Club of which he is still a non-active member.

In 1990 he became solicitor for the Village of Canning and continued in that capacity until recently. For many years he was active on the Board of Directors of the Fieldwood Heritage Society in Canning, also serving as Vice-Chairman and Director of the Canning Library until recent years. In 2007 he was elected an honorary life member of the Fieldwood Heritage Society. In addition to history, he has also always held a keen interest in provincial politics. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Kings North PC Association for several decades, and for many years has also served as the Secretary of that Association.

Outside of work, his private life passions have been deer hunting and old timers' hockey, both of which he has pursued with great enthusiasm despite little success.

After the passing of his late wife Grace in 2017, Doug married Sandra Schofield in 2018. Together they share a blended family of three sons, a daughter, two grandsons and a granddaughter to be born in June. Doug and his wife Sandra are looking forward to a much anticipated retirement this spring.