

## **Councillor Rick Hart**

I was born in New Westminster, BC 62 years ago. I was a cub scout, a Sea Cadet, and involved with the Navy Reserves at HMCS Discovery in Vancouver, BC. While in "New West" I was active for many years with the Jaycees in many roles from VP, May Day parade chairman, chairman of the Miss New West contest. I was a founding director of the Hyack Festival society. I was working for Finning Tractor in Vancouver, as an area credit manager and later as service coordinator in the main Tractor shop.

In 1980 I took a job as the area manager, for Northern BC, Yukon and Northern Alberta, for an engineering company and moved to Fort St. John, BC. After the slowdown of the early 80's, I was offered a move to Victoria, BC but decided to stay in Fort St. John. I bought and ran a gas station with a detailing shop and truck canopy sales. At the same time I ran a drive thru lube shop. In the mid 80's I started an automotive machine shop "Kodiak Engines" with 2 partners. We ran this for 6 years until the partnership broke up over health issues. We sold the business to an Edmonton machine shop in 1992. I then sold heavy equipment and farm equipment until I moved in 1998. While in Fort St. John I was an active member of the Kinsmen club, director and VP of the Chamber of Commerce, active with the early childhood development center, minor hockey, The Arts space, Chairman of the Mukluk rendezvous, Chairman of the 40th anniversary of the Alaska Highway committee, President of Native Friendship center, and my first attempt at civic politics.

In 1998 I moved to Vegreville AB to sell farm equipment for the Case Dealer and then with John Deere. I served a term on the Vegreville Parks and Rec. Board and was involved with minor hockey.

I moved to a rented farm on hwy 616 in late 2000 after taking a job in Leduc. Farm life wasn't for me. My son played hockey in Thorsby which allowed us the opportunity to get to know the town, which we loved. We purchased our house in Thorsby in late 2001. While in Thorsby I have been involved with minor hockey, 3 terms on council, 3 years as Mayor, Vice-Chair of the Leduc County Ambulance Board, Executive Board member of the Leduc Foundation, member of the district Fire advisory committee, President of the Chamber of Commerce, 1st Vice-president of the Thorsby and District Lions club, and involved in all aspects of the community. I plan, to continue, to be an active member of the town and see nothing but a positive future for Thorsby.