

I was born and raised in Strathmore Alberta. My dad was a math and science teacher in town and still teaches as a substitute shop teacher when they need him. As I worked my way through elementary to high school I found myself taking more and more music classes, from band class to choir. Along the way I learned guitar and played and sang in my church choir.

My plan was to become a police officer and they prefer applicants with two years of post secondary education so I went to what was then Red Deer College to study music. After obtaining my diploma I moved to Calgary intending to apply for the CPS, but ended up finding a career as a music instructor. This set me on the path to my current business, MaxSPL Music.

I returned to Strathmore to open my business. At the time I was working two other jobs to make it work, but managed to slowly but surely make a profitable business that I could make my full time career. My store has survived a pandemic, a global inflation crisis, floods, and more. It has been a stressful endeavor but I wouldn't change it for the world.

In my time owning a small business in Strathmore I have made an effort to deepen my roots in the community. I have donated both products and my time to many local groups and charities including True North, the Strathmore Legion's Music Healing Veterans Program, the Strathmore Library, and the Huntington Society of Canada.

I have also put on my own events and fundraisers. The Strathmore Wedding Expo was run by myself and was originally sponsored by the Town of Strathmore. In recent years it has been supported by the Legacy Farm Project. I also put on a free concert last summer at Kinsman Park called Live @ The Lake. Two years ago myself and

Origin Brewing partnered to raise thousands of dollars for the Alzheimer's Society of Alberta, an event I hope to hold again this coming year.

I made the choice to run for Strathmore town council last year. My now wife and I were forced to move as our rent had gone up by 30% in two years. I did not feel that the town and council were responding to the rental crisis as fast as it could have, though some of their recent decisions have given me hope.

As I watched some of the town meetings and witnessed some genuinely embarrassing behavior I knew it was time to put my hat in the ring. Though I was unsuccessful I learned a great deal and ran a campaign with enough integrity that I now have a good relationship with every member of the current town council.