

A TRIBUTE TO PIERRE CARRIÈRE

Pierre retired from Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. (CHEI) at the virtual October 22, 2020 AGM during the Covid-19 pandemic, after having served on the board for 42 years, from December 5, 1978 to October 22, 2020. This was Pierre's first and last virtual AGM.

CHEI was previously known as the Embrun Police Village, under the Municipal Act. H.E.C. Inc. now serves 2396 clients in this community of Embrun, in the Township of Russell, situated 40 km South East of Ottawa.

Pierre has been involved with the Cooperative movement all of his adult life, having worked for the Desjardins Credit Union for his full time employment and the CHEI on a part-time basis as a board member. Pierre took both jobs at heart but his passion was serving as a board member of CHEI and ensuring the clients of the Cooperative had a reliable infrastructure and excellent service in both official languages.

Pierre was also tremendously adept at raising funds for many local non-profit organizations and individuals in need, which he did for over 30 years. Everybody in the community knows Pierre as a people person equally at ease speaking to a CEO, his neighbour or a person in need. I have never met a person who told me that he or she did not like Pierre, and I have known him for over 50 years. After his retirement from his full-time employment, Pierre came to see me at my office three or four times a week to discuss hydro matters, whether I was available or not. An appointment for Pierre was whenever it was a good time for him.

Pierre is a hockey fan, both past and present. Proof thereof can easily be obtained by becoming a friend with Pierre on his Facebook page. Although, I never played hockey with Pierre, I am told that he was a pretty good left winger and he knew that a puck should be deep in the net of the opposing team. Embrun was and still is an Ottawa Valley hockey town. Pierre's favorite team was the Embrun Panthers who won the Hardy Cup in 1976.

Pierre's favorite past time is fishing in the St-Lawrence River, near Cornwall, during the summer. Ice fishing isn't for Pierre, unless it could be done with a pair of skates on.

Pierre, on behalf of the current Board of CHEI and its clients, I thank you deeply for all those years of dedicated service and I wish you a very happy retirement.

My final words of thanks go to Georgette, Pierre's wife, for having supported and helped Pierre in his community involvement endeavours for all those years.

This tribute is given by the board members of CHEI being Jean Martel, Jean Gauthier, Michel Provost, its manager Benoit Lamarche and all the clients of CHEI.

Jean Martel, President