

MIKE BIANCO



Mike is a lifelong resident of L'Anse. He graduated from L'Anse High School in 1974. He has 4 children: Kyle, Kacie, Ashley, and Brittany, along with 9 grandchildren.

Mike started working for his father Joe at the family business, Bianco Plumbing and Heating, in those fields when he was in school and afterwards. In 1975, along with his brothers Dave and Dan, Mike purchased the Hilltop Motel in L'Anse from their aunt and uncle Dar and Jim Bianco. He left the motel business in 1977 to start a job with the Village of L'Anse, where he worked full-time for 29 years. Mike began his career at the Village as a police officer, working in the police department for several years. In 1981, Mike took a job as a fire truck driver for a couple of years, eventually moving up to the Village garage, where he would work for the remainder of his career as an equipment operator.

In 2005, Mike retired from full-time work with the Village. Mike and his son Kyle purchased the gas station- Dick's Pump and Munch in L'Anse. In 2006, Mike was hired back with the Village and has served as Sexton of the Evergreen Cemetery-a role he continues to work to this day. Mike's service to the community has taken other forms as well. In 1983, Mike started his service as a volunteer fireman for the L'Anse Fire Department. As of this date, he is still a member of the department, stretching his service to over 41 years. As a member of the department, he has served as Fire Chief for 15 years, only stepping back from that role in 2023, but still maintaining his membership to the department.

In 2022, Mike was named Copper Country Volunteer Fireman of the year. He is deeply appreciative of the recognition, which was due to the efforts of the L'Anse Fire Department, and the Copper Country Fireman's Association, who voted for the recognition. Mike has held various other community roles as well. He was a member of the Knight's of Columbus for 15 years, a volunteer for the Food Bank of Houghton, and a member of the L'Anse Hockey Association for 12 years. Currently Mike works for Jacobson Funeral Home in L'Anse, a position he has held since 2010.