



Jan d'Ailly Biography

Personal Life

Jan has lived in Waterloo for the past 20 years and is married to his wife Alannah. He is the father of two boys, Jan (21) and Hendrik (18), who attended local public schools. His son Hendrik, who lives with Jan, will finish high school this year and his oldest son Jan is working on his BA at UW.

Jan is the president of the Conestoga Sailing Club and an active sailor. He learned to sail in Holland with his uncle, who was participating in the World Championships with the Flying Dutchman. He also enjoys cross country skiing and in his 20s skied competitively. As Jan likes to stay active, he also finds time to tend to his garden, an activity that reminds him of the importance of being a good steward of the environment.

Many people have asked Jan about the name Jan d'Ailly. Jan is Dutch and pronounced "yon". d'Ailly is a French name and means "from the town of Ailly", a town in the Northeast of France. d'Ailly is pronounced "Dye-ee". The double L is silent.

Jan was born in the USA to Dutch parents, his family then moved to Mexico before moving to Calgary. From Calgary he moved to Montreal where he completed a BA in Economics at McGill University.

Jan then worked in Australia, South Africa and Taiwan honing his business skills and learning about their unique and vibrant cultures. Upon returning Canada, Jan completed an MBA from the Richard Ivey Business School at Western and moved to Waterloo in 1991 where he took a position with Babcock and Wilcox and has resided in our great community ever since. During his well traveled life, Jan has learned to speak four languages, as skill he believes helps him to better understand our community and its residents.

Two Term City Councillor

As councillor Jan has been a leader who listens to the concerns of the community and acts to address the issues that matter to his fellow citizens. He led the effort to protect 5 500 acres of the moraine from development and has been a strong advocate of environmental sustainability. Elected in the wake of the RIM Park fiasco, he chaired the Finance Committee that brought the city's fiscal situation back under control. In our communities, he has fought to ensure stability for neighborhood associations and introduced the Special Area Levy program.

Business Experience

Jan's extensive business experience will bring strong leadership to the Mayor's Office. From strategic planning to management, he has the know-how need to lead City Hall.

- BA Honours Economics, 1982 McGill University
- MBA, 1987 The Richard Ivey School of Business
- 20 years of Business Experience: General Electric, Babcock and Wilcox
- Business Owner, Organic Energy (energy from waste)

Boards and Committees

Current Member:

In addition to duties as Councillor Liaison to Development Services, Jan currently sits on and is an active participant on the following Boards and Committees:

- Trails and Transportation Committee
- Uptown Vision Committee
- Municipal Heritage Committee
- Class and Glass Gallery Liaison to the Board
- Clair Lake and North Clair Creek Class Environmental Assessment Committee
- Town and Gown Committee
- Waterloo Economic Development Committee

Past Member:

- Chair Finance Committee (2003- 2008)
- Audit Committee (2003- 2008)
- Community Cash Grants Committee (2003 - 2008)
- Erb Street Reconstruction Project Team (2006 - 2009)
- Westmont Road to Fischer-Hallman Road Project Team (2003 - 2006)
- KW Oktoberfest Advisory Council, KW Symphony Board of Directors (2003 - 2006)
- Regional Pesticide Committee (2003 - 2008)
- Waterloo Landfill Liaison Committee (2003 - 2006)
- Ambassador Committee (2003 - 2008)