

## **DR. THOMAS J. GASKELL**

Tom graduated from Nova Scotia Teachers College in 1963 and began his teaching career in Bras d'Or High School that same year. Tom also holds a BA, BEd from St. F.X. in Antigonish, Educational Leadership Diploma from University of Cape Breton, and his Doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

A classroom teacher for 13 years, Tom has been Principal of both a Junior High and High School, Assistant Superintendent for seven years, and Director of Education (Superintendent) for the last seven years of his career.

An active union member, Tom has held various positions including President of his Local, a Provincial Executive member for his region, various offices in his RTO Branch including President, as well as provincial offices of the RTO/NSTU including some three plus years as President. Tom is an Honorary Life Member of his organization and was elected to represent the RTO/NSTU for a five year term at ACER-CART. Currently Tom is chair of the Pension Committee having served 3 years as chair of the Health Committee. Tom is now completing his first year as Vice President of ACER-CART.

Community/other activities include: Chairman of United Way, various community boards i.e. Community Guest Home, Municipal Councillor, Continuing Education Committee, Board of Governors of St. FX University, Group of IX, a Past President of Cape Breton Tourist Association, parish council chair, etc.

Free time for Tom includes reading, travel and helping with family projects.

Currently Regional Rep - Atlantic, providing information re health care, drug costs, etc. to ACER-CART.