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BIOGRAPHY

I came to Canada with my parents in 1989 at the age of 12 where I started my educating in [Humbercrest](#) public school in the city of York as a [blue-collar](#) immigrant child. My family moved quite often but mostly in the west end of Toronto where I graduated from [Martingrove](#) Collegiate Institute in 1997 after a long school hopping career.

I entered the work field right away at Canadian Tire where I continued my automotive trade passion while taking part time continuing education courses at community colleges. *I learned that you can't get a job because you don't have experience and cant get experience if you don't have a job.* This stickled with me till my got my first railroader job in 2007 where I first learned the importance of quality Union workmanship at [Parsac](#) Intermodal and [Local 183](#).

After a car accident in 2010 that ceased my red seal ticket apprenticeship program as a [Construction Craft Worker](#) and as a [Mayor hopeful in the City of Mississauga](#) where I secured [611 votes](#) while being handicapped for 5 years. I had to reinvent myself while fighting for tougher policies for texting while driving with the help of my MPP and the NDP I re-bended my self as an advocate.

I attended [Trios Collage](#) where I learned the craft of advocacy and became an member of [Law Society of Upper Canada](#). Then I relived my early working life experience “ *you can't get a job because you don't have experience and cant get experience if you don't have a job*”.

I discovered that that I belong to the railroader community and joined Canadian National Railway as second-generation railroader after my grand father. I was elected by [Unifor](#) brothers and sisters as by-law and politics representative where I continue my advocacy and family tradition of a railroader.