

In recognition of Mr. Carter Coffin Commissioner from 1977-2014

Mr. Carter Coffin was well known in the Eastern Shores School Board and surrounding communities. He began his term as a commissioner in 1977 with the Regional School Board of Gaspesia and stayed true to his role during two mergers, one 1992 when the school board became the Gaspesia-The Islands School Board and in once again in 1998 when the Eastern Shores School Board was formed. ESSB was fortunate to have him as a commissioner up until 2014 when he decided to retire.

Almost every employee hired before 2014 knew the name of Mr. Carter Coffin, and knew that he was an advocate for students and their parents.

His passion was to ensure the care of the buildings that house ESSB students. He was also diligent in ensuring that the transportation services were up to par. Mr. Carter always wanted to make sure that the students and staff of ESSB were safe. He voiced his concerns without remorse, and he made sure that his point got across to those around the table.

Mr. Carter's memory was a thing of beauty. If we had questions regarding when a specific renovation was done or policy implemented, we knew that Mr. Carter would have the answer. If we were looking for something, he would know pretty much where we needed to look for it and he was almost always right on the money! He was missed after he retired and is often fondly remembered by those who worked closely with him.

May he rest in peace knowing that he made a positive impact on the Eastern Shores School Board community.

To the family of Mr. Coffin, please accept on the behalf of the Council of Commissioners, senior staff and employees of Eastern Shores School Board, our deepest sympathies