



BIOGRAPHY

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Austin is a past FONOM chair. He was born in Kagawong in 1925, in the family-owned Havelock Hotel. He became a Billings Township councillor in 1953 and mayor ten years later.

When the Liberal federal candidate, Lester B Pearson, needed a driver familiar with the riding, Aus was available. Aus was appointed the official riding agent in the 1957 campaign, and the riding campaign manager in the 1963 campaign. Pearson often stayed at the hotel, and Aus has been to 24 Sussex.

Aus is a founding member of the Lacloche-Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation, Manitoulin Planning Board, and Manitoulin Tourism Association. As president of the regional tourism association, he consulted with Ontario Northland Transportation Commission, which runs our Manitoulin ferry.

He has been a director of Association of Municipalities of Ontario. He served as wharfinger on the freight dock for many years, and Council renamed it A H Hunt Marina. He was also the local postmaster, and son Michael now has the position. Son Wayne is department head of Political Science at Mount Allison University. His grandchildren are Quinn and Austin. He enjoys boating in the Benjamin Islands and all the local events.

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