

**YOUNG, ROSS TERRY**, businessman, marketing and sales consultant; b. 20 March 1962 in Souris, son of “Johnny” Ross Young\* and Helen Rae MacLean; m. 30 December 1994 Mary Rita Sullivan, and they have three children, Laura Victoria, John Ross and Jay Sullivan; Protestant.

Young, a Liberal, was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in a by-election on 18 March 1991 for 1st Kings. The by-election in which Young was first elected was held as a result of the death of his father, “Johnny” Ross Young\*, who represented 1st Kings from 1978 until 1990. Young was re-elected in the general election of 1993.

Since his time as a politician, Young has served as a political panelist for CBC. In October 2011, Young began working as the executive assistant for Alan McIsaac†, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Young received his early education at Souris Regional High School, and in 1980 he took up commerce and Canadian studies at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. Following university in 1985, Young moved into retail flooring sales in Moncton. In 1987, he built and managed a store in Saint John, New Brunswick, for a major carpet retailer. In 1989, Young joined the Atlantic Television Network sales and marketing team in Saint John. He returned to the Island in 1990 to complete his Bachelor of Arts at UPEI, before turning to politics the year following. Since 1997, Young has worked as an investment and insurance broker for London Life, Hyndman and Company and Manulife Financial. He currently works as a business consultant in eastern PEI.

Young has served his community in a variety of leadership roles. He founded and coached the Wildcat tackle football program in Souris. Young has been a board member with Junior Achievement, the PEI Tackle Football League, the United Way of PEI, Holland College Capital Campaign, Holland College Advisory Board and John Howard Society of Saint John. He was president of Sunshine Dreams for Kids’ PEI chapter, the Mount Allison 5th Quarter Club and Belfast minor hockey. He also worked as secretary-treasurer of the Association of Former Members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, and held memberships with the Kings County Exhibition Association, the Souris Ski Club and Souris Curling Club.

Young lives with his family in Vernon River. Mary Young was born 4 May 1959, the daughter of Clifford Sullivan and Rita Morrissey of Vernon Bridge.

#### **References**

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