

In 2015, Shawn was named to the 40 under 40 – an award from the Ottawa Business Journal celebrating 40 rising business stars in Ottawa, under the age of 40. He was selected as one of the 40 from over 300 candidates!



**F. Shawn
Argue, 37**
President, Argue
Construction

BIRTHPLACE: Simonsville

COMPANY: General contracting

EDUCATION: Bachelor of engineering
(civil), Lakehead University (2003)

CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT: Carp Road
Corridor BIA

BIGGEST BIZ ACHIEVEMENT: Owning
my own company at the age of 32.

BIGGEST BIZ OBSTACLE: Dealing with
buying out my partner. It was a huge
learning curve.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: My father. He
was great with dealing with people in the
industry. He was very fair and kind. He was
also a great father.

BIGGEST LESSON LEARNED: To never
get ahead of myself. Start from the bottom
and work your way through one step at a
time.

FIRST JOB: Cleaning construction sites

ADVICE I'D GIVE THE YOUNGER ME:
I would have told myself to get more
education in business/commerce.

WHAT'S LEFT TO DO: I want to focus on
raising my two daughters. Professionally,
I would like to grow my company with the
intent of making it more self-sufficient.

FAVOURITE PASTIME: Spending time in
the outdoors.

I'M CURRENTLY READING: *Rich Dad
Poor Dad* by Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon
Lechter.

FAVOURITE MOVIE: *Good Will Hunting*

FAVOURITE LOCAL PROFESSIONAL

SPORTS TEAM: Ottawa Senators

FAVOURITE LOCAL SUMMER EVENT:

Canada Day

**YOU PURCHASED BAIRD
CONSTRUCTION AFTER A VERY
SUCCESSFUL RUN WITH FULLER
CONSTRUCTION. WHY DID YOU WANT
TO BE IN BUSINESS FOR YOURSELF?**

I always thought growing up that it was
something I wanted to do. The opportunity
was presented to me by Mr. Baird and I
took it. I thought I was a little young at the
time but jumped in with two feet and it's
turned out to be a great experience.

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