



LARRY REID MEMORIAL COACHING DEVELOPMENT FUND

Supporting Innisfail Minor Hockey Association Coaches

An Initiative of 1962-63 Innisfail Pontiacs Alumni

Innisfail Minor Hockey Association is pleased to manage the Larry Reid Memorial Coaching Development Fund which provides annual coaching development and enhancement grants exceeding \$4,000 in perpetuity. We are very grateful for what we can do with these grants to ensure positive experiences and happy memories for the kids with whom we are privileged to work.

The Fund was created by the alumni of the 1962 – 63 Innisfail Pontiacs midget hockey team that was coached by Larry, who led them to the finals of the Central Alberta Midget Provincial Championship. Following Larry's passing in December 2016 those alumni, now spread across Canada from Vancouver Island to Nova Scotia, came together after nearly 55 years and created this Fund in his memory...a clear testament to Larry's lasting influence on their lives & the high regard they continue to feel for him.

ABOUT LARRY REID

Larry Reid must be considered a local and Provincial hockey hero. He was an architect in the formation of the IMHA and volunteered unselfishly to grow and improve Innisfail's minor hockey programs. He was a much-loved coach and mentor and he never forgot those he had coached, making a point of staying in touch through the years. He was supportive, demanding, focused on player development, and education. He instilled the value of teamwork in his players, he improved their hockey skills, and he left them better human beings.

Larry was one of the first and most highly respected coaching certification instructors in Alberta and was actively involved in the development and ongoing expansion of coaching certification courses which are still taught in Alberta and across the country. In 1984, on behalf Hockey Alberta, he coached two National Junior teams in China. In 2007 Hockey Alberta named Larry as one of the top 100 contributors to our game over the previous century for his pioneering leadership in coaching education and athlete development.

Hockey Alberta Foundation, with financial assistance from the Larry Reid Memorial Coaching Development Foundation, has created an annual Distinguished Future Leaders Scholarship to honour Larry's memory.

Overall, Larry spent more than four decades improving the game he loved so much and passing that love onto others.

Innisfail Minor Hockey Association is pleased to share with the Innisfail Pontiacs alumni in remembering and honouring Larry Reid.