

RED DEER MINOR HOCKEY



Personal Biography:

My name is Scott Parkins. I have been the owner/operator of Scott Parkins Builders Ltd. since 2006. My company specializes in residential and light commercial framing in Central Alberta. I have been married to my wife, Lacey for 20 years, we have four children ages 16, 14, 12, and 10.

Over the past 12 years I have had the opportunity to coach with Red Deer Minor Hockey. Coaching and being involved with the athletes has become one of my passions. Helping players set and achieve their personal and team goals has been a very rewarding experience.

My reasons and passion for wanting to serve as a RDMHC board member aligns with the organizational mission statement that the "paramount objective" is fostering character qualities of sportsmanship and good citizenship along with the "welfare, education and social development" of the athletes. I would be honored to share my experience and passion for hockey and help our athletes and families, within a positive/safe environment, develop their hockey and life skills to help them find success on and off the ice.

My favorite RDMHC memory comes from the last season when our U18B team I was coaching went to a year end tournament in Calgary. We won the tournament by winning our final game 1-0 in 3 on 3 overtime. I was so grateful to share that experience with the team and especially our six graduating players. Our season was challenging when it came to wins and loses but I watched this group of young men face and overcome adversity. They never quit, they all put their work into it to get better and they were rewarded for their efforts. I couldn't have been prouder of them



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Red Deer Minor Hockey Serves over 1300 Athletes, and has continued to thrive, what does the future of RDMHC look like to you, explain?

I believe in a strong and collaborative community were RDMH brings families, coaches, and athletes together to instil a hard work ethic, good sportsmanship and develop good citizens. We must ensure that athletes needs are met, and they are able to set goals and achieve their goals.

RDMHC had a very successful 2024/25 season with multiple teams winning league and provincial championships. I'd like to see that success continue by fostering a strong commitment to development for our athletes and coaches. Setting a RDMH standard at our elite levels and have it transcend to our tiered and city teams to provide a constant well-structured environment where athletes and coaches have the best opportunity learn and progress.

When athletes graduate from Red Deer Minor Hockey the goal is they have learned many important life skills, made lifelong friends, and had fond memories of playing hockey.

The Success of a Board of directors requires skilled governors. Please explain what governance skills, you think are important to the success of The Board?

The success of the Board of Directors is reliant on the collective governance skills of its members. These skills shape the direction, culture, and strategic decisions of the organization. There are several key governance skills that I believe are critical to the success of a Board:

- 1. Financial Literacy and Planning Understanding the financial health and future planning of the organization is a primary duty.
- 2. Leadership Skills- The Board should operate cohesively, with a focus on collective decision-making. Board members should be able to lead and work together effectively.
- 3. Strategic Thinking- It is important to develop long term, strategic goals, and priorities for future success.
- 4. Effective Judgement- It is important for Board members to be fair, impartial, and objective in making decisions that are consistent with the vision and philosophy of RDMHC.





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- 5. Effective Communication- Active listening, articulating ideas clearly, being diplomatic, and effectively managing dissent or differing opinions are essential for RDMHC's continued success and effectiveness.
- 6. Integrity- Integrity is paramount in establishing trusting relationships.

By combining these competencies, board members can strategically position the organization and its athletes to plan and oversee the business of RDMHC to meet the needs of its members.

