

## Steve Howitt - Candidate for Richmond Jets Board of Directors

I have worked as the Coach Coordinator and a Program Director for the last 5 years and was part of the merger committee and Richmond Jets Board over the last 18 months.

I believe through sports we challenge kids, build their character and create positive experiences which result in resilient, growth minded and respectable young adults. I have a strong interest in and personal commitment to coaching and skill development. I am an advocate of team sports and the unparalleled life skills that it teaches our youth. Since the age of 16, I have been a coach and volunteer at all levels of Hockey, Baseball and Soccer in Richmond. I believe that volunteering is the greatest charity and example we can set for our children.

Here is some of my relevant experience:

- Richmond Hockey Coach 2012-present
- Hockey Board Member 2013-present
- UBC Varsity Hockey Player 1997-2001
- Richmond Sockeyes 1995-1997
- UBC Hockey School Instructor 2001-2005
- Referee 1990-2008
- BC Deaf Coach & Volunteer 2002
- Richmond Ravens Coach 2004-2005
- Richmond Minor Atom A1 Coach 2002-2003
- Richmond Minor Hockey Player 1981-1994

### **Goals and Vision for Richmond Hockey**

#### ***Hockey Programming***

Year 1 Review of the program to include but not exhaustive

- Continued top level development with the likes of Mats Lindgren, Victor Kraatz, Milan Dragicevic, Glenn Wheeler and Shawn Mcquistin
- Post (February) and Pre(August) player/goalie/coach Evaluations for rep selection process with Coach involvement
- Skill development inclusion and options for ALL levels including Bantam and Midget C.
- Affordable options for all
- Utilization of ice times – opening up 6AM ice times to all members.
- Reasonable times for families – no base 3:45PM ice times
- First shift programming enhancement
- Intro-to Hockey Expansion – inter association play, adult ages, transition to core program
- Coaching development program and mentor committees for all managers and coaches
- A president's league (C) where team balancing prioritizes friends playing with friends

***Community and Culture Building*** – We want our members to enjoy being apart of a bigger culture than a single team, through special events such as:

- Steveston Salmon Festival Parade
- Golf tournaments
- Richmond Sockeyes Nights
- Community hikes, walks, bike rides barbeques etc.
- Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Nights
- A volunteer fair identifying how people can join committees
- Richmond Clean the Streets
- Food Bank Drives
- Food for Life - Church on Five
- Various Charity Fundraisers - ie. KidSport, Canadian Tire Jumpstart

#### ***Hockey & Sport in Richmond***

- Collaboration with Richmond Baseball, Lacrosse, Female Hockey, Soccer, Basketball, and other sports in Richmond
- Shared Certification and CRC checks
- Improving all areas of communication internally externally with other organizations
- A structured and established volunteer committee that focuses on attracting great people

I appreciate your time reading this information and for coming out to vote on Tuesday Feb 5th. Let's continue to build on the good that has been created this year, work to break down old barriers and develop Richmond Hockey into a leader in minor sports in Canada.

As always, for the kids,

Steve Howitt  
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