



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Gerard Curtis

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Gerard Curtis has been a dedicated volunteer for the Mount Pearl Hockey Association since 1988. Gerard has dedicated enormous amounts of his spare time running the Mount Pearl Can Skate Program with Mr. Dave Denine, and began to volunteer as a coach with the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association when his son Christopher started to play for them. From then on, Gerard wore his coach title proudly. Having been involved in various committees around the clock, and having coached a number of teams, it comes as no surprise to hear of how well known Gerard is in Mount Pearl's hockey community.

In 1999 Gerard became a member of the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Associations Executive Board serving as the Director, Vice President, President and Past President. While Gerard was on the Executive Board, the MPMHA experienced significant financial improvements due to Gerard's strategic decisiveness. His renowned business-like decision making for the hockey community was all in the name of love for the game. Gerard's mission was to ensure a great game of hockey for all, so much so that his involvement with the hockey community could have been considered a full-time job. Relentless dedication to players, parents, officials, coaches and volunteers is what Gerard is known for and substantially respected for. As Chairman of the Board, Gerard was responsible for overseeing all everyday operations at both the Glacier and the Smallwood arenas. While President of the MPMHA he was responsible for attending all meetings held by the Association and the Board of Directors; he oversaw all issues pertaining to Minor Hockey. In addition to these responsibilities, Gerard was the MPMHA's representative for the Winter

Carnival; he organized and executed the plans for the Frosty and Kentucky cup tournaments, and oversaw the annual MPMHA Executive Broom Ball tournament during the Winter Carnival. Being the President of the MPMHA didn't stop Gerard from helping with the little things, and the everyday things. It is evident that it wasn't the title of "President" that motivated Gerard, but rather the belief of being able to make a difference by being 100% involved and committed to the cause. Gerard was committed to insuring fair play and respectfulness in hockey as a member of the Ethics in Sport Committee. He was also co-chair of the Fundraising Committee for the U-17 World Hockey Tournament, and took charge of the 50/50 ensuring that the money raised was equally distributed between all local associations that participated. As the chairperson for the 2002 Irving Bantam Challenge Cup for Atlantic Canada, and for the 2005 Aliant Atlantic Peewee AAA Challenge Cup, Gerard undertook a large amount of responsibility.

In addition to all of the volunteering Gerard underwent for both rinks in Mount Pearl, including helping the Hockey Dads with bingo fundraising, the 50/50 and working at the bar occasionally, he still managed to contribute outside of the hockey community. He was an active volunteer for the Mount Pearl Marlins Swim Club, volunteering to drive participants to their events and assisting with fundraising. Moreover, Gerard as a member of St. Peter's Parish, has been heavily involved in the St. Peter's Parish Building Fund Committee, the annual Garden Party and the distribution of the annual Christmas Hampers to the less fortunate. He has also served as Vice Chair, Chair and Past Chair for the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance Board. Gerard's level of involvement is absolutely astonishing, and has been recognized with the numerous awards he has won for his volunteerism. In 1995 he was awarded Volunteer of the Year by Newfoundland and Labrador Light and Power for his involvement with St. Peter's Parish Building Fund and the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association. He then donated his award to the St. Peter's Parish Building fund. In 2004 Gerard was awarded for his valuable contribution to hockey, and in 2004/2005 was awarded Outstanding Service to Minor Hockey from Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador. Moreover, in 2004 he received a Certificate of Appreciation for minor sports from the Government of Canada.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Gerard Curtis's outstanding contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
