

Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Jim Grant Builder 2014



Jim Grant has made a tremendous contribution to minor hockey in Mount Pearl and to the City of Mount Pearl.

Following his time as minor coach in Grand Falls and then in Mount Pearl, he served as President of the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association for ten years, beginning in 1982. This involved overall direction of an organization with 700 players and many other coaches and volunteers. He oversaw the finances of the organization, the House and All-Star leagues, and mediated numerous issues as they arose. During his tenure, Mount Pearl Minor Hockey developed a universally accepted reputation as one of the best organized programs in the province, indeed in the country.

For the same time period, Jim also served as Chair of the Arena Board of Management. In that role, he dealt with arena operations issues on a day-to-day basis, liaised with the City of Mount Pearl about the state of the arena and other issues, assisted in allocation of ice time for groups using the arena, and participated in contract negotiations.

Seeing the need for a second ice surface in Mount Pearl, Jim spearheaded a drive to get that surface and was President when the MPMHA pledged \$100,000 towards the construction of The Glacier.

In 1988, Jim was awarded the Meritorious Award by Hockey NL, and in 1989 assisted with organization of the 1989 Air Canada Cup in St. John's. Unfortunately, Jim passed away in Corner Brook in 2013.

The Sport Alliance is honoured to induct Jim Grant into the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the game of hockey.