

## Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Neil Windsor Builder 2005



After enjoying great success as an athlete in his early life, Neil Windsor exerted an extremely valuable and beneficial influence on a very large percentage of the fine sports facilities that the citizens of Mount Pearl have enjoyed for years. His concern and willingness to instigate and support a wide range of important and worthwhile projects, especially in the athletic and recreational aspects of Mount Pearl life, allowed many valuable facilities to be available to those who live in Mount Pearl.

An All-Star hockey goalie that starred with teams from minor to senior Herder Memorial competition, he also enjoyed fine success in basketball, soccer and baseball. These athletic experiences provided him with a keen sense of the importance of a good healthy active lifestyle and of the importance of facilities and organizations that make it possible for individuals to enjoy this lifestyle.

Working hand-in-hand with then Mayor Kel Ashford, as Town Engineer he spearheaded the effort that gained and maintained a swimming pool for the community. Seeing the need for a minor hockey organization for the youth of Mount Pearl, Neil and five other individuals established the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey

Association; Neil served on the executive of the Association.

Moreover, Neil was an important and dedicated member of the small group that generated the funding and built the Mount Pearl Smallwood Arena. His contributions included organizing Mount Pearl Day to raise funds, obtaining the first \$150,000 from the Provincial Government for the Arena and later, as a Member of the House of Assembly, he obtained another \$350,000 to contribute to the Arena construction funds.

Neil's leadership and involvement with the community of Mount Pearl was, in large part, a factor in the selection of Mount Pearl as host for the 1988 Provincial Games. Furthermore, he was instrumental in obtaining the funds used for the construction of the track & field facilities, as well as upgrades for both the soccer and softball facilities. In addition, Neil secured the commercial sponsorship of numerous activities held in Mount Pearl.

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