

**2008 Kelowna Summer Games Society
Board of Directors and Officers**

Honourary Chairperson - Mayor Sharon Shepherd

First elected to Kelowna City Council in 1996, Sharon served three terms as a Councillor. She was elected as Mayor in the civic election of November 2005. Sharon's interest in the quality of life for all citizens is shown by her involvement in various City Committee's including Kelowna Arts Foundation, Parks and Facilities Committee and the Community Housing Needs Committee. She was also very instrumental in setting the stage for Kelowna's active sports tourism initiatives while serving as Chair of the City of Kelowna's Sports Tourism Committee.

President and Chairman - Ron Rubadeau

Ron is recently retired as Superintendent of SD#23 where his proven leadership and organizational skills will be valuable in leading the 2008 BC Summer Games Society. His passion for arts and sport runs very deep in Kelowna. Ron has played a musical instrument (double base) for more than three decades of Theatre Kelowna productions and is an avid sailor and Senior Canadian Race Official. He is a past Canadian National Sailing Champion and has conducted the racing programs for thirty six National Sailing Championships and three World Sailing Championships. Ron has considerable leadership qualities and is an expert at delegating responsibility.

Vice-President/Chairman and Director of Friends of the Games - Terry Schneider

Terry is an owner and Executive Vice President of Prestige Hotels and Resorts. Terry's passion in sport comes from his 20 year involvement as a soccer coach at the house league, premier select, and secondary school level of competition. Terry is looking forward to contributing his leadership ability to many aspects of the Games organization. Terry will bring a high level of enthusiasm and operational expertise for community events to the 2008 Kelowna Summer Games team.

Director of Accommodations - Al Cumbers

As Director of Operations for SD #23, Al is responsible for facility operations, transportation and capital planning. He also has previous Games experience as the Athletes Village Manager for the 1999 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg as well as the 2003 Disability Games in Kelowna. Al's connection with the School District facilities will be valuable as the Athletes Village will be located within a number of local high schools.

Director of Administration - Bill Winters

Bill is a partner with Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants. Bill was the Finance Chair for the 2004 Memorial Cup and a member of that Executive Committee. He was also the Co-Chair for the 2006 World Junior Hockey Championships, Kelowna Site, and also the Kelowna Liaison to the 2006 World Junior Hockey Championships Organizing Committee in Vancouver. Bill was also the School Board Liaison for the 1988 BC Winter Games in Dawson Creek.

Director of Ceremonies - Don Keith

Don is a retired Drama and French teacher and has directed many high school and community plays, most recently Seussical and Anne of Green Gables. Don is currently employed as the Education Coordinator for the Rotary Centre for the Arts in Kelowna's Cultural District, and is well connected to the arts and cultural community. Don will bring a positive and unique flare to the opening and closing ceremonies for these Games.

Director of Communications - Steve Jenkins

Steve is the General Manager for Telus Communications Inc. for the Interior South BC Region. Steve brings over 20 years experience in leading sales, marketing and strategy development portfolios. Steve's sport passion is spending time as a Youth Curling Coach and Youth Curling Program Coordinator, and is excited about sharing that passion for summer sports.

Director of Food Services - Kari Purvis

Kari is currently the Sales and Catering Manager for the Coast Capri Hotel. Prior to this, she was the Administration Manager for the Okanagan Gymnastic Centre and directly involved in all competitions and events held at this facility. Kari is also on the Board of Directors for the Kelowna Speed Skating Club as well as Chair for the Okanagan Regional Training Centre for Speed Skating. Her community experience and thorough knowledge of the food industry position Kari well to direct the food services for these Games.

Director of Promotions - Natalie Walstrom

Natalie is the Marketing Manager for Orchard Park Shopping Centre. As part of Kelowna's 2005 Centennial Celebration, Natalie played a key role in the time capsule project that is currently on display at Orchard Park Mall. Natalie is looking forward to the opportunity with the 2008 BC Summer Games to bring her enthusiasm, bright ideas and extensive marketing skills to this major community event.

Director of Protocol - Dot Shoneberg

Dot has been part of many community initiatives including the Millennium Celebration in charge of the Centennial Ambassadors, and has been on the Board of Directors for Crime Stoppers since 1999 (and has been President 3 times). Dot is currently the Office Administrator with the 2007 Special Olympics BC Winter Games. Dot understands the demands of ensuring that all the proper protocols are expertly established and followed for these Games.

Director of Registration and Results - David Goodall

David is the Manager of Networks and Telecommunications with Okanagan College. He was the Director of Registration and Results for the 2000 Kelowna Senior Games and was also a volunteer in the ticket sales with the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. David will bring extensive knowledge and experience to the computer networking world on modern communications systems.

Director of Security - Cheryl McKinnon

Cheryl is a Constable with the local RCMP Detachment and brings a high level of energy and understanding of security programs and requirements. Her connections include regular contact with youth throughout the school system. Cheryl will bring a unique approach to relationships and interactions with youth throughout these Games.

Director of Special Events - Renata Mills

Renata first got involved in special events through Parks Alive as the Program Coordinator. She has extensive experience in all aspects of creating, marketing and promoting special events in Kelowna as well as working with numerous organizations in the special event business. Renata is currently the Executive Director for the Festivals Kelowna Society and is very well connected in the festivals and events community.

Co-Director of Sport - Doug Nicholas

Doug joined Pacific Sport Okanagan as the General Manager in 2001 and has guided the program from its infancy to present day success. Over a few short years the Okanagan Centre has become the largest regional training centre in B.C. His position connects him with many regional and local sport organizations. Along with Doug's sport administration background he also brings a wealth of experience in games and championships preparation.

Co-Director of Sport - Michelle Collens

Michelle is the Event Development Coordinator for the Sport Kelowna partnership which connects her with every sport organization in Kelowna. Aside from promoting sports events in Kelowna, Michelle's passion in sport comes from volleyball, both as an active player and coach. Having been a past participant in the BC Summer Games and Canada Games, Michelle is ready to apply her experience into planning, organizing and producing these Games. In 2006 Michelle attended the Olympic Academy of Canada and is currently on the 2007 Canada Winter Games Mission Staff for Whitehorse with Team BC.

Co-Director of Transportation - Grant Snow

Grant has had a role in the transportation requirements for many recent major Kelowna events; including the 2000 Senior Games, and Chairing of the Transportation Committee for both the 2004 Memorial Cup and 2006 World Junior Hockey Championships-Kelowna Site. Well acquainted with community projects, Grant contributed significantly to the growth and development of sports facilities through his many years of volunteer efforts with the Kelowna Kinsmen Club.

Co-Director of Transportation - John Simmons

John is the Transportation Coordinator for SD#23. This background will become valuable as part of the Games planning will include using school buses to transport athletes to and from Games venues. Part of John's experience in mass transportation includes coordinating the transportation requirements for the tree planting program following the Kelowna fires. This included bussing 12,000 students on 138 buses to and from the planting sites in a period of less than 3 hours. The program made the Guinness Book of World Records.

Director of Medical Services - Dr. William Cheyne, M.D.

Willie has been an active family physician in Kelowna since 1978. He is also the Primary Care Physician for the Kelowna Sports Medicine Clinic and is the founding physician and the Primary Care Physician at the UBC-O Sports Medicine Clinic. Dr. Cheyne has also provided Team Physician support to the Okanagan Sun Jr. Football Club, Kelowna Spartans Jr. Hockey Club, B.C. Lions Football, Canadian Davis Cup Team and UBC-O Sports Teams.

Jim Gabriel - Official City Liaison

Jim has been with the City of Kelowna for 13 years and is currently the Sport and Recreation Manager. Jim is well connected with many aspects of City operations, especially the City recreation, sports and parks facilities. His energy and enthusiasm will contribute significantly to the Games planning and hosting. Jim was instrumental in the creation of Sport Kelowna, and is currently volunteers as the Vice-Chair of the provincial Pacific Sport BC organization. Jim's understanding of the needs of sports organizations is very thorough. Along with Jim's strength in community and program development, he also brings past Games planning and preparation experience through involvement with the Alberta Winter Games and the Arctic Winter Games.

Reid Oddleifson - Official City Liaison

Reid has been directly involved in several multi-sport events, starting with the Southern Alberta Games. Instrumental in bringing the Summer Games, Seniors Games and Disability Games to Kelowna on six occasions in the past, Reid also spear-headed the application / approval process to bring these Summer Games to Kelowna. Reid has been with the City for more than 25 years, and throughout his career has had the opportunity to work with most sports & cultural organizations and service clubs in the area. He is currently the Development Manager for the Recreation Parks and Cultural Services Department. Very knowledgeable and well experienced in all aspects of Games organization, administration and delivery, Reid will be a valuable asset to the 2008 Kelowna Summer Games Society.