

Biographies

PERRY MICHAEL CAVANAGH

Perry Cavanagh is well known in the hockey community and devoted most of his volunteer time to youth-based sport associations and programs in Calgary. His involvement in minor hockey began 25 years ago as a coach of his oldest son's hockey team. He moved to the administrative side of the game and became the president of the Southern Alberta Tyke Hockey Association, the Properties Sports Hockey Association, and the Minor Hockey Association of Calgary. With a known passion for sport administration, Perry was elected to the Minor Hockey Association of Calgary Board of Directors (Hockey Calgary) in 1998. He sat as president for two terms and remained on the board until 2014.

In 2010, Perry moved to the provincial level, representing Zone 9 (Calgary) as a member of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors. In 2013, he transitioned to the Hockey Alberta Foundation with a mission to "Improv[e] the quality of life of Albertans through hockey".

Perry pioneered *Respect in Sport*; a Hockey Calgary program designed to reinforce parents'/guardians' roles in encouraging positive sport behaviours among participants. A few of his most memorable accomplishments are working with Sheldon Kennedy and Wayne McNeil in the implementation of the "Respect in Sport" program, supporting the Calgary Police Services' "Power Play" youth drop-in program and working with Dr. Carolyn Emery, PhD, on sport concussion research initiatives. On behalf of Hockey Calgary, he also advocated with various levels of government for the expansion of Max Bell Arena (2007).

Perry was Chairman of Sport Calgary (2015-2019), a volunteer-based non-profit City Partner representing amateur sport. He also sat on the board of the Comrie's Sports Equipment Bank Society and was Executive Director and General Manager of the Don Hartman North East Sportsplex Society in northeast Calgary.

Notable Accomplishments

Queen Elizabeth II, Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012
Hockey Alberta, Minor Hockey Award, 2012
Hockey Calgary, Ray Hostland Memorial Award, 2006
Government of Alberta, Centennial Medal, 2005
Canadian Governor General, Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002
Government of Canada, International Year of Volunteers, 2001
City of Calgary, Community Volunteer Award, 2000
Government of Alberta, Community Service Award, 1998

WALLY KOZAK

Wally Kozak is known in the hockey community for his dedication to fostering the growth of women and girl's hockey. His involvement dates to the mid-1970s when he became a course conductor for coaching certification programs, contributed to the creation of curriculum packages for Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada and participated in the early stages of the Program of Excellence. In Calgary, Wally was the technical advisor to Girls Hockey Calgary (2015-20), head coach for the Calgary Canucks (1984) and the Calgary Wranglers (1986).

As a physical education teacher in northeast Calgary, Wally was a mentor to coaches in Alberta with a focus on adult leadership, parent education, coach development and coach certification.

Wally is known internationally as one of the best technical coaches on the global stage. From 2002 to 2010, he was integral in establishing the framework for Hockey Canada and development of the Women's National Team program. Much of his career was dedicated to the National Women's Team where he served as head scout and manager of Player Development. Wally was the assistant coach for the Gold Medalist Women's Olympic team, Salt Lake City, 2002.

Wally credits his time as a player with Canada's national team (1968-69) under Calgary coach Father David Bauer as being instrumental in instilling in him the importance of sport and the Olympics in developing a better society. To this day, he directs a YouTube channel that reaches coaches around the world with up to date technical and philosophical advice (240,000 subscribers).

Notable Accomplishments:

Hockey Canada's Gordon Jukes Hockey Development Award, 2009

Head Coach, Oval Xtreme Senior Women's Team, National Champions, 1998 and 2001; Silver and Bronze medalists, 1999, 2000

Head Coach of the Under 16 and Senior Ringette, National Champions, 1990

Coach Advisor, Germany National U18 team, 1999-2000

Assistant Coach, Team Canada Under 22, 1998-1999

Team Assistant and Associate Coach, Team Canada Men's National Olympic Team, 1988

Assistant Skills / Development Coach, Team Canada Men's National Team, 1984-1990

Coach, Spengler Cup medal winners: 1989 (gold), 1990, (silver), 1991 (bronze)