



Chilliwack Leisure Oversight Committee

YMCA BC has launched the Chilliwack Leisure Centre Oversight Committee to help play a role by providing recommendations to the YMCA on programming.

Several dedicated individuals have offered to participate on this committee, and we thank them for their time and dedication to the City of Chilliwack and its progress.



From left to right: Marc Slabotsky, Colten Russell, Carol Marleau, Lauren Janzen, David Woollven, Pat Lee, Peter Duhault, Darrell Lindhout
Missing: Melissa Kendzierski, Donna Hemming, Justin Daly, Sylvia Robertson

Peter Duhault

My name is Peter Duhault and my hero is my daughter Tiffany.

With over twenty years of managerial experience within the Provincial and Municipal Government, and an additional ten years in the private sector, I have gained a variety of experiences while working and living in those communities across Canada. That said, I will be forever grateful for the connections and memories I have made while calling Chilliwack my home for our family of four.

I am the Territory Manager for the Fraser Region of Onside Restoration, an emergency restoration company. With balancing my time between Chilliwack and Port Kells my wife, Linda and I have enjoyed the opportunities Chilliwack and greater area have offered for our lifestyle, recreation, education and most importantly the relationships we have built. In addition to my current work with emergency restoration, I have been fortunate enough to open and operate aquatic, leisure, and sports centres

across western Canada with many dynamic teams. I have been recognized for my ability to lead staff with integrity, accountability, and dedication, especially during tumultuous periods of time. As a leader, I focus on ensuring that all areas I oversee are healthy and free of any hindrances that would restrict anyone from having equal access to all opportunities.

Beyond the workplace, I am a dedicated member of the Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Rotary Club for nine years and I have been a Rotarian over fifteen years. I served as President of the Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Rotary Club during the 2021/22 season, and was so excited to see the installation of the local state-of-the-art pump track for the children in our community. Within my professional and personal life, I will continue to advocate for resources to be readily available for all individuals, while also improving connections and facilities within our communities. I look forward to working alongside my fellow leaders by continuing to make Chilliwack a better place for our families and loved ones.

My wife and best friend, Linda and I love the community of Chilliwack and you will see us in the pool, on the Rotary trails, or boating at Cultus Lake.

Marc Slabotsky

Marc has lived in Chilliwack for 19.5 years. 1993-2003 and then 2013-present.

He is a licensed paramedic and retired from BC Emergency Health Services in 2016. He has maintained his license and does contract work in private industry.

Marc was a Unit Chief responsible for ambulance stations in both Kelowna and Abbotsford for 8 years & was an acting District Supervisor for 5 years, working in the field and dealing with hospitals, various municipal fire and police departments, and troubleshooting for BCEHS crews when needed.

Marc has been a member of the Canadian Ski Patrol, a volunteer organization, for over 4 decades and I am still active as the National Manager of the Advanced First Aid.

Finally, Marc has sat on several committees over the years such as the Cardiac Care Committee of BC and also sat as the Chairperson for a strata that had approximately 350 homes in the community.

Melissa Kendzierski

Melissa Kendzierski is excited for the opportunity to serve her community on the Leisure Centre Oversight committee.

As a long time, Chilliwack resident and Mom of 3 kids, improving access, inclusion and belonging is something Melissa believes in strongly. She comes with over 25 years experience in recreation, both in the non-profit and municipal sector working on the front line and in a supervisory capacity and is grateful to share her insight and collaborate to support the optimization of leisure centre services in Chilliwack.

Sylvia Robertson

Hello! My name is Sylvia and I have lived in Chilliwack for the past 29 years, where my husband and I have raised our two children. I work for Fraser Health Authority as an Occupational Therapist, and have worked in many different clinical areas over the past 37 years as an O.T.

I have been active in fitness and swimming since a young age, and in the past have worked as a fitness instructor, swim instructor and lifeguard. Currently I swim with the Chilliwack Masters Swim Club, and more recently sit on their Executive as a Director-at-Large. Swimming with CMSC has been a great way to stay fit and active. I also enjoy long walks on the Vedder River trails, open-water and cold-water swimming, stand-up paddle boarding, hiking, mountain biking (easy trails only!), wake-surfing, and in the winter-time, snow-shoeing. For more leisurely pursuits, I do love to read a good book!

I was interested in serving on the Leisure Centres Oversight Committee because I deeply value our community centres for the variety of services and programs they provide to Chilliwack residents. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to provide a voice into those services and programs, particularly with the focus on accessibility and inclusiveness, and that will support the diverse needs of our rapidly growing community. My background in fitness and swimming as well as my many years of working as an O.T. will enable me to provide valuable input.

Justin Daly

Justin Daly has been the head coach for the Spartan Swim Club for the past ten years. Throughout this time he has helped to develop several swimmers to all levels of Canadian swim from Provincial to Senior National. During his tenure the Spartans have enjoyed top 5 finishes at BC Provincial Championships, Western Championships and Canadian Age Group Championships. Over the last ten years he has also been selected to coach several Swim BC Provincial teams. Individual athlete success under Justin includes, World Junior teams, Canada Games teams and all levels of Provincial teams. Justin is a certified and trained level 3 coach, he has a Kinesiology Degree and a History Degree. He is a husband and a father of two young boys. Other interests include Hiking, fishing, running and family time.

Pat Lee

In '71, I began my coaching odyssey at Mission Secondary, and drove me to earn my teaching degree at the University of Calgary in '73.

With 45+ years dedicated to basketball coaching at all levels, I've achieved a history of success.

Proudly part of the Basketball Canada National Coaching Certification Program at Level 3 and growing with the Learn to Train Program. I lead by example for our coaches.

My education journey started at Aldergrove Secondary, where we achieved bronze, silver, and gold medals in the provincial single A championships over five remarkable years. Later, at the University College of the Fraser Valley, we clinched four BC College titles and three National Championships. I have been inducted into the Abbotsford Sport Hall of Fame and UFV Hall of Fame for my coaching contributions. I also achieved first-team Canada West all-star status at the University of Calgary. I have also been awarded BC Colleges Athletic Association Coach of the Year, two-time Basketball BC Coaching Excellence award winner, and two-time BC College Coach of the Year recipient.

Beyond coaching, I've pioneered basketball programs in Abbotsford and Chilliwack, leaving a lasting impact on the community. Today, as part-owner of BC Bounce Basketball Club, I collaborate with the Cheam Centre and the YMCA, enriching the lives of over 1400 young athletes annually.

In my spare time, I have presided over the Langley and Fraser Valley Athletic Associations, shaping regional sports.

Colten Russell

Hello everyone, my name is Colten Russell. I was born and raised in Chilliwack and have been exposed to many of the city's programs over the years, including those at the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Center and Cheam Center - where I have been a member since 2007. Sport is a huge part of my life. I've played organized soccer, baseball, hockey, and others here in Chilliwack. My real passion now is squash. I participate in all programs in Chilliwack including tournaments, leagues, and special events. I regularly travel to tournaments out of town and support our local program by sitting on the board, volunteering, and sponsoring.

My profession is as an Engineering Manager in the manufacturing industry, currently working here in town at MDT and Harmonic Machine. I've worked for local manufacturing companies IMW, Tycrop and Advantec, first in the trades as a Machinist and later as a design engineer before moving into management for the last 5 years.

I am looking forward to serving my hometown in an area I am passionate about, and hope that my skills and experience can contribute in a positive way.

Donna Hemming

With over a decade of dedicated service in the non-profit sector, I am a passionate advocate for creating inclusive and welcoming recreational programs. I work as the Regional Coordinator for the Canucks Autism Network , where my mission is to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with autism and their families.

Throughout my career, I have honed my skills as a program planner, specializing in the design and implementation of programs that foster inclusivity and community engagement. My commitment to this cause goes beyond professional duty; it is a personal passion that drives me to work tirelessly toward creating opportunities for all individuals to thrive and enjoy recreational activities in a supportive environment.

At Canucks Autism Network, I am privileged to collaborate with a dedicated team to bring these programs to life, ensuring that each participant experiences the benefits of recreation while feeling welcomed.

When I'm not immersed in my work, you can often find me outside enjoying our beautiful area with my three children.