

1. *What do you think should be a priority for Hockey Saskatchewan to positively influence Grassroots Hockey within Saskatchewan?*

I believe there are several initiatives that Hockey Sask can undertake to help positively influence grassroots hockey....in no particular order.

1. **Help improve affordability.** I know organizations such as Kidsport focus on this, but I am currently unaware how Hockey Sask is tackling this issue. Some suggestions could include working with equipment manufacturers/distributors/retail stores to make things more affordable at the grassroots level, perhaps there can be some federal grant funding to help offset gear for new grassroots players.
2. **Engage new Canadians.** Immigration in Saskatchewan has increased in the past decade. Perhaps hiring or creating a New Canadian hockey ambassador role to engage with new Canadian groups will improve awareness of skating and hockey.
3. **Improve First Nations/Indigenous community engagement.** As above, there should be a focus on bringing more opportunities to the First Nations/Indigenous communities. Perhaps an ambassador focused on engaging with First Nations/Indigenous groups will identify some strategies to better engage and positively impact youth.
4. Female hockey has seen great growth in recent years, in part because of the directed efforts of Hockey Sask. This same concept and focused effort can be applied in points 2 and 3 above.
5. **Connect with youth thru schools.** We are all likely aware of Curling Canada's efforts to bring curling awareness into schools; I am unaware of similar efforts being made with hockey.
6. **Explore grant programs,** provincial, federal and private/corporate partnerships to help fund the above ideas.

2. *What experience or competencies do you have that will add direct value to the Policy Governance Board of Hockey Saskatchewan?*

I have more than 12 years' experience as a Board member with Yorkton Minor Hockey – 10 of those years were in the Treasurer role. I have other Board Governance experience with the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce and Yorkton AAA Midget Harvest. Regarding work experience in my roles with Parkland College and Baker Tilly, I have worked within the governance model with our Board and Partner groups to help set and deliver on the organization's strategic goals.

As a CPA with 15 years' experience in both public and private business, I believe I can leverage my above-mentioned experience to help Hockey Sask chart a path forward.

3. *What is your current or recent involvement with hockey in Saskatchewan?*

- 12+ years of Board experience with Yorkton Minor Hockey ending in 2022
- Have coached U13 Parkland Fire Female for the past three seasons (2021-2024)
- 25+ years of co-ed coaching experience at every level including U7/Initiation through to Junior A; in Female hockey, coaching at the U13 and U18/Midget AAA levels.

4. *What do you like to do with your spare time (away from the rink?)*

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family at the lake, travelling, fishing, gardening, and avidly follow many sports – in particular college football.