

# 2026 BC Summer Games - Kelowna

## Board of Directors

### Biographies

**Alan Budde** has extensive government experience at the federal, provincial and municipal levels, taking on a range of leadership roles. He served with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) for 22 years in a variety of domestic and overseas posts including responsibilities for helping secure the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg and 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and Whistler. In 2014, Alan moved on to the Independent Investigations Office of BC (IIO) to assist this newly formed organization with the important mandate of police oversight. In 2020, he joined the City of Kelowna as the Security and Business Continuity Manager, establishing a corporate security program for the City, including the Kelowna Security Operations Centre. Alan also serves as a Board Member for the KF Centre for Excellence and the Barry Lapointe Foundation.

**Devin Rubadeau** has been a dedicated member of the Okanagan College community for over a decade, serving as Faculty, Chair of the Business Department, and most recently as Director of Strategic Enrolment Management and International Education. In Fall 2025, he will return to the classroom, bringing with him a deep commitment to student learning and institutional leadership. Beyond the college, Devin has made a significant impact in the world of sailing. For more than 30 years, he has served as the Sailing Director and Head Coach of the Central Okanagan Sailing Association. His leadership has extended to coaching and organizing roles in over a dozen BC Summer Games, the Canada Games, and several World Championships. He has also played a key role in hosting major regattas, including Canadian, North American, and World Championship events. In addition, Devin has contributed to the broader community through board service with more than a dozen nonprofit organizations over the past several decades.

**Gail Given** is a former Kelowna City Councillor, serving three terms (2011-2022) as well a former School District 23 School Trustee. Her board experience includes 7 years as Chair of the Regional District of Central Okanagan and Chair of the Regional Hospital District Board. She previously worked in retail management for Hudson's Bay in Kelowna and Penticton for 30 years. In Kelowna, Gail now works for Tourism Kelowna, an organization she previously served as a volunteer board member. Gail has been a longtime supporter of youth sport through her family's participation and looks forward to further enhancing this support.

**Gail Prokopchuk** is a seasoned transportation professional with over 30 years of experience in student transportation. Throughout her career, she has held senior leadership positions as both Director and Manager of Transportation for several school districts across Western Canada. Since December 2017, Gail has served as the Transportation Manager for Central Okanagan Public Schools (School District No. 23), where she is responsible for overseeing the safe and efficient transportation of thousands of students each day. In addition to her professional achievements, Gail has made notable contributions through volunteerism. She served as Director of Transportation for the Alberta Summer Games, Winter Games, Seniors Games, and a split Summer Games, successfully coordinating complex logistics and ensuring smooth transportation of these events. She also led the Peace Regional Air Show Association as President, where her efforts in marketing and event promotion earned multiple international awards.

**Jackie Dueck** brings over 30 years of public sector financial leadership to the BC Summer Games. She is currently the Director of Financial Services at Okanagan College and previously held a variety of leadership roles at the City of Kelowna, including Controller. Jackie has contributed at the national level through the Government Finance Officers Association's Committee on Canadian Issues and is a dedicated community volunteer, having supported numerous events including the BC Winter Games. Her passion for sport and commitment to public service are at the heart of her involvement

**Jacqui Notfall** has over 25 years of experience in human resources and has established herself as a leader in workforce planning, talent acquisition, and organizational development across British Columbia. She has held HR roles at prominent institutions including the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC), Vancity Savings Credit Union, and the University of British Columbia, where she served as Director of Human Resources for Development & Alumni Engagement. Jacqui currently serves as the Associate Director of Talent Management at Okanagan College, where she leads strategic initiatives focused on recruitment, employee development, and building a strong, inclusive workplace culture. She is deeply passionate about community service and is committed to using her expertise to create positive and lasting impact within the organizations and communities she serves.

**Jenelle Hynes** brings a wealth of experience in public relations, marketing, and community engagement, having worked across all three levels of government. Her career includes roles with the Canadian Armed Forces, the Alberta Government, the City of Kelowna, and the Kelowna International Airport. For the past five years, Jenelle has served in the public sector as a senior administrator and Community Relations Director at the Vineyards Residence, a senior care community in Kelowna, where she continues to build meaningful partnerships and foster strong community connections. Jenelle is no stranger to the BC Games movement. She previously held the role of Friends of the Games Director for the 55+ BC Games hosted in Kelowna in September 2019, contributing to the event's success through stakeholder engagement and sponsorship development. Jenelle has a deep passion for community involvement and a proven track record in delivering results.

**Jennifer Callow** is currently the Recreation Coordinator for UBC Okanagan's Athletics and Recreation Department and has been entrenched in community sport for over two decades. She has an extensive history of supporting sport and recreation in her community as a coach, administrator, and advocate for several different sports across multiple municipalities. She has developed community programs for all levels, such as "parent-tot", "learn to", "try it", "recreation", and "high performance", but her true passion lies within multi-sport games such as the BC Summer Games. Jennifer has had the honour of being involved with the BC Summer Games across a variety of roles, including coach, volunteer, chair, and board of directors for numerous Games.

**Jennifer Naiman** has been the Director of Athletics, Recreation, and Student Life at Okanagan College since 2005. She is a proud honors graduate of the University of British Columbia, holding degrees in Physical Education and Exercise Science, along with a master's in public health specializing in Social and Behavioral Science. With over 30 years of experience in the health and wellness industry, Jenn is passionate about fostering student development through sport, recreation, and community involvement. In addition to her work at Okanagan College, Jenn has been actively involved in the Pacific Western Athletic Association as well as the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association, contributing her expertise to support athletes and organizers across the province and the country.

**Jock Tyre** has been in the role as General Manager of the Kelowna Curling club for over 30 years. The Club has a full-service restaurant and has hosted multiple National and International events. Jock has a diploma in Hotel and Restaurant Management and a drive to serve. Jock has coached at the 1999 Canada Games and worked at both the BC and Canadian Special Olympic Winter Games as well as the BC Summer Games in Kelowna.

**Kevin Van Vliet** is the Utility Services Department Manager at the City of Kelowna. He oversees the City's water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste management service areas. During his 32 years of local government experience, he has managed major capital projects and provided leadership in intergovernmental initiatives including the development of transit between Canmore and Banff and currently the merger of the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District with the City of Kelowna. Kevin is currently the Operations Section Lead with the regional Emergency Operations Centre and his 'games experience' includes representing the City of Vancouver on the Environment Working Group of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic bid.

**Melina Moran** is the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Grants at the KGH Foundation, where she cultivates relationships to identify and advance projects that support healthcare programming and services. Melina has over 15 years of event and wedding planning experience, including two years as the coordinator for the City of Kelowna Civic and Community Awards. When Kelowna hosted the 2008 BC Summer Games, she was responsible for planning and managing the Athlete's Village as part of the Ceremonies Directorate. Melina was born and raised in Kelowna and has volunteered her time to several organizations, including as a Director on the Board for Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers, the Kelowna Canadian Italian Club and in 2024, joined the Emergency Support Services team.

**Michael Saad** is a Professor in Communications at Okanagan College, where he specializes in public relations, crisis management and digital media. Prior to his career in academics, Michael worked extensively in community relations and stakeholder engagement through the non-profit and post-secondary sectors. Specifically, Michael acted as the Community Relations Coordinator with the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario, as well as the Economic Development Coordinator with Nipissing University. Furthermore, Michael has done various marketing work for HR startup Manage With Success (now Folks HR), City of Barrie, Georgian College, and Ontario Northland.

**Renata Mills** is the founding Executive Director of Festivals Kelowna, a producer of community focused festivals and events in Kelowna. She has been actively engaged in local events and activities in Kelowna for over 28 years and fully understands the benefits of a vibrant, welcoming community, of which festivals and events activities play an important part in shaping the cultural and economic landscape. Renata has many years of Organizing Committee and Board experience through local involvement with major civic events including the 2005 Kelowna Centennial Celebrations, 2008 BC Summer Games, 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Community Celebration, 2018 Breakout West, 2019 55+ BC Games, and the 2022 Kelowna Made Festival. Renata sat on the inaugural City of Kelowna's Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee, the United Way Investment Committee and Impact Teams and is the current President of the Downtown Kelowna Association.

**Dr. Rick Oliver** retired from his position as Assistant Superintendent of Central Okanagan Public Schools at the completion of the 2022 school year. During his 33-year career Rick was a teacher, counsellor, vice principal, and principal at the middle and secondary school levels prior to taking on district level responsibilities for the school district. Rick has been and continues to be an active volunteer in the community, and he currently is

serving on the boards of the Child and Youth Advocacy Centre of Kelowna and the Rotary Club of Kelowna Morningside. Rick's sport and games experience includes many years of coaching middle and secondary volleyball and field hockey and several years of coaching with West Kelowna Minor Hockey. Rick has volunteered for several Summer and Winter Special Olympics and was a member of the organizing committee for the International Children's Games hosted by Kelowna