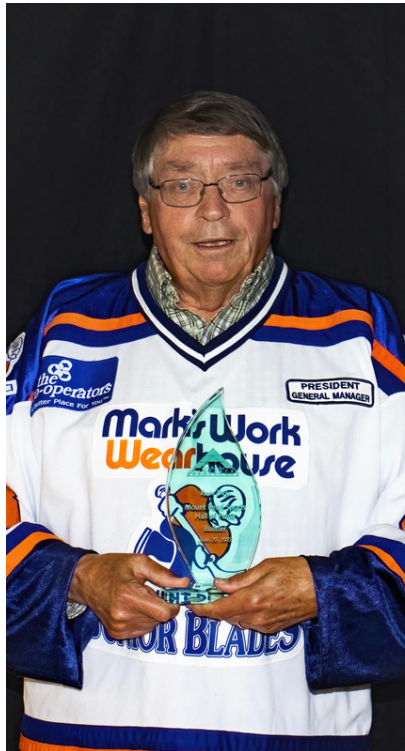




Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Kevin Dicks
Builder 2022



Kevin Dicks, a forty-four-year resident of Mount Pearl, began his contribution to Mount Pearl Hockey coaching minor hockey in the 1990s. He coached teams at the House League and All-Star levels – including an All-Newfoundland Championship team. Kevin’s organizational skills and commitment to providing youth with positive hockey experiences, resulted in two Midget teams winning a gold and silver medal at the Riverview Invitational Midget Tournament, as well as a House League Bantam Team playing in the 1997 Can/Am Hockey Challenge in Lake Placid, NY. That team lost every game but had the “experience of their lives”.

Perhaps one of his biggest impacts on the community was revitalizing the Mount Pearl Junior Blades which had withdrawn from the St. John’s Junior Hockey League in 1997. Kevin coached the Junior Blades for part of the returning season, following which he took on the role of President/General Manager. He recruited both a strong Board of Directors and Team Sponsors, in particular Mark’s Work Wearhouse, still sponsoring the team today. Kevin and the Board felt the Team should contribute to the Community. Towards that end he was instrumental in the Team sponsoring an annual “Golf Tournament” sporting the logo “Hockey Beating Cancer”, contributing more than \$150,000 to the Janeway Foundation and the Candlelighters Camp Sunshine during his tenure. The Team also sponsored a “Scholarship Fund”, awarding scholarships to deserving

players on an annual basis to assist with their post-secondary education. On the ice the 2002-03 hockey season was probably the most successful during Kevin’s tenure with the Blades winning its first St John’s Junior Hockey League Championship since 1986, as well as hosting the Don Johnson Cup, playing to sell-out crowds, and winning the silver medal. Kevin’s contribution to Junior Hockey was also recognized with the Hockey NL Junior Hockey Council Merit Award for his “outstanding service to hockey”. Kevin stepped down as President & General Manager of the Mount Pearl Junior Blades in 2006 - a tremendous run of 8 seasons building one of the strongest sporting clubs in the province and setting the team up for many years of success. He continued to work on the Junior Blades “Hockey Golf Fighting Cancer” project until 2016.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and commitment to youth and the sport of hockey the Sport Alliance is honored to recognize Kevin Dicks with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
