



HONOURABLE KEVIN MURPHY

Kevin Murphy is from Musquodoboit Harbour, NS and has been the MLA for Eastern Shore and Speaker of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly since 2013. Kevin has been married to Stephanie for 21 years. Together with their two children they are an avid sporting family with Jackson age 15 participating in high performance hockey baseball and paddling. Rachael age 17 participates in english saddle horseback riding and tennis. Kevin was injured playing competitive hockey at age 14 in 1985. Since becoming a quadriplegic and a full time wheelchair user, Kevin found new outlets for his sporting desires. At age 18 Kevin became the youngest board member of the Eastern Shore Recreation Commission serving in all Executive capacities including President. Kevin became majority owner of the Eastern Shore Jr Mariners Junior "B" Hockey Club (later the Cole Harbour Colts) in 2006 and serving on the Executive of the Nova Scotia Junior Hockey League until selling his stake in 2013. In 2013 Kevin decided to focus on the most important role of a being "a sporting dad" to his children's growing sporting commitments. In this role, Kevin has visited nearly every arena, ballfield and horse barn in the province over the past 10 years or so. Kevin has been the Vice President of the Dartmouth District Minor Baseball Association since 2018. Kevin has been a champion and advocate for enabling persons with disabilities to have full participation in all aspects of society for the past 35 years. He has sat on many boards, agencies and commissions to numerous to mention. In his role as MLA, Kevin played a leadership role in creating the provinces Accessibility Act in 2017. Kevin brings a unique perspective to our discussion with his experience as a sporting participant, parent, administrator and elected official.



MICHELLE YOUNG

Michelle has spent the last 14 years working for the Town of Pictou holding several positions focused on community development, more recently for the last 7 years in the recreation department as Recreation Coordinator. She studied at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax completing a degree in Tourism and Hospitality Management with a major in Tourism Development. Fresh out of university and with a love of travel she spent 7 years employed in the cruise industry, working and travelling extensively on ships. Following her exploring by water, she found her way to Halifax working with New Castle Hotels and Resorts in various capacities including Hotel Executive Assistant and within the accounting department.

Having a love for the outdoors and growing experiences where our citizens and visitors can connect to nature in meaningful and active ways, she joined both the Hike Nova Scotia and Hike Canada boards of directors. In her spare time, you can find her exploring our trails, searching for a new waterfall or biking with her family.



BILL CRUICKSHANK

has served as the General Manager of the BMO Centre since 2010 and the RBC Centre since 2017. Bill also oversees the operations of the Emera Oval, LeBrun Arena and the East Coast Varsity Arena. Prior to joining Nustadia Recreation, Bill served as the Executive Director of the Recreation Facility Association (RFANS) for 18 years. Bill has a degree Dalhousie University and received his Master of Physical education (Sport Administration) from the University of New Brunswick in 1988.