

Ernie Mansueti - Builder

Ernie is a well-known face in the Cowichan sports community. In his role of Director of Parks and Recreation for North Cowichan, he was responsible for the design and construction of the Cowichan Aquatic Centre, Crofton's seawalk, three skateparks as well as the Sherman Road and Evans parks. Ernie also formalized recreational trail opportunities within the municipal forest reserve and integrated trail systems between communities and neighbourhoods.

When it comes to hosting sporting events, he sat on the bid committees and served as municipal liaison for the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships, Rogers Hometown Hockey, Rowing Canada, BC Seniors Games, North American Indigenous Games and BC Summer Games.

Ernie has also served on the board of the Recreation Foundation of BC and the Recreation Facilities Association (RFABC). He was recognized by the RFABC in 1996 and 2003 with the Dave Dauphinee Award for his outstanding work.

Ernie leaves a legacy as the founder of the North Cowichan-Duncan Sports Wall of Fame, KidSport Cowichan and member of the organizing committee of the ALS Old-Timers Hockey Tournament.

Adding to this impressive resume, Ernie has also coached baseball, hockey and soccer for over 40 years.