



2026 Annual General Meeting

June 12-13, 2026

Friday/vendredi June 12/12 juin		
Start/Début	Meeting/réunion	Room Name
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	HNB Board Meeting / conseil d'administration	Petit-Témis / Mont-Farlagne
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Female Commission / commission de hockey féminin	Madawaska
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Awards Banquet / banquet annuel des prix	République AB
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Social /	République AB
Saturday /Samedi June 13/13 juin		
8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Minor Council / conseil de hockey mineur	République AB
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Officials AGM / AGA des officiels	Petit-Témis / Mont-Farlagne
9:00 am – 12:00 am	Senior Council / conseil de hockey senior	A-la-truite
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch / diner – Plenary delegates only	Madawaska / Iroquois/St-jean
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Plenary / plénier	République AB

Hockey New Brunswick Annual Plenary Agenda
Saturday June 13, 2026
Edmundston

I	Welcome	Todd Pye
II	Credentials Committee Report	Nic Jansen
III	Moment of Silence	
IV	Recognition of Life Members	Todd Pye
V	Minutes of 2025 AGM	Todd Pye
VI	Business Arising from the Minutes	Todd Pye
VII	President's Report	Todd Pye
VIII	Executive Director's Report	Nic Jansen
IX	Standing Committee Reports	
	a) Appeals / Ombudsman	Nic Jansen
	b) Constitution	Daniel Roussel
	c) Personnel	Scott MacKenzie
	d) Risk, Conduct and Safety	Michael Berube
	e) Awards	Dawn Shaw
X	Provincial Council / Commission Chair Reports	
	a) Minor Council	Luc Martin
	b) Elite Hockey Commission	Louis Gaudet
	c) Female Commission	Lori Williams
	d) Junior	Scott MacKenzie
	e) Senior Council	Phil Huckins
	f) Officials Council	Tim Skinner
XI	Regional Operations Council Chairs Reports	ROC Chairs
XII	Finance Committee Reports	
	a) HNB Audited Statement	Louis Gaudet
	b) Fiscal Policy Amendments	Nic Jansen
	c) HNB 2026-2027 Budget Review	Louis Gaudet
	d) Appointment of Auditors	Louis Gaudet
	e) NBHOC Audited Statement	Tim Skinner
	f) NBHOC 2026-2027 Budget Approval	Tim Skinner
XIII	Annual General Meeting	
	a) 2027	Nic Jansen
	b) 2028	Nic Jansen
XIV	Calendar of Commitments	Nic Jansen
XV	New Business	
XVI	HNB President Election	Nic Jansen
XVII	Closing Remarks / Adjournment	Todd Pye

**Hockey New Brunswick Minor Council – Annual General Meeting
June 13th, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Edmundston**

8:30 a.m.	Luc Martin	Welcome / Call to order
8:35 a.m.	Nic Jansen	Credentials / Roll call of delegates
8:50 a.m.	Luc Martin	Additions & Approval of Agenda
8:50 a.m.	Luc Martin	Business arising from Minutes
9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minor Chair - Female Commission representative - Elite Hockey representative - District Directors - Executive Director
9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Spordle	Spordle Play / HCR / Website
10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	BREAK	
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Ian Donald / Luc Martin	Notices of Amendment
12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.	Brogan Bailey	Player Evaluation & Coach Selection
12:30 p.m.	Adjournment	

**HNB Senior Hockey Council Agenda
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, June 13, 2026
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

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| i. | Welcome | Phil Huckins |
| ii. | Roll Call of Delegates | Phil Huckins |
| iii. | Agenda | Phil Huckins |
| iv. | Approval of previous meeting minutes | Phil Huckins |
| v. | Business arising from the Minutes | Phil Huckins |
| vi. | Chair's Report | Phil Huckins |
| vii. | Council and League Reports | |
| viii. | Executive Director's Report | Nic Jansen |
| ix. | New Business | Phil Huckins |
| | - Coolbet.com Online Gambling | |
| | - Certification and CRC/ VSC status | |
| | - Reconciliation / Fees | |
| | - BSHL composition of our Appeals Committee | |
| | - Adult Recreation | |
| | - Discipline | |
| | ○ Minimum Suspensions | |
| | ○ Process for increasing suspensions | |
| | ○ Off-ice discipline (example Social Media conduct) | |

Adjournment

Phil Huckins

Female Commission Meeting
June 12th, 2026 (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm) - Edmundston

Welcome, Call to Order	Lori Williams
Approval of Agenda	Lori Williams
Minutes of Last Meeting	Lori Williams
Business Arising from Last Meeting	
a. Associations guide to growing female hockey	Katie Peddle
Reports	
a. HNB Report	Katie Peddle / Nic Jansen
b. Elite Report	Laura Barr
c. Minor Report	Tina Sewell / Jodie Driscoll
d. Female Commission Chair Report	Lori Williams
New Business	
a. 2025/2026 Registration numbers	Katie Peddle
b. 2026/2027 Initiatives (Open Discussion)	Lori Williams
c. Regional leagues / Jamborees	Nic Jansen / Katie Peddle
d. Female Provincial League / Provincials	Nic Jansen
i. Period length	
e. Travel teams – minimum games	Lori Williams
f. SEFHA pilot	Lori Williams
g. NOA	Lori Williams
h. NOM	Lori Williams
ROC Reports	Female Commission
2026-2027 Meeting Dates	Lori Williams
Adjournment	Lori Williams

**HNB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 7, 2025 – 1:30 pm
DELTA BRUNSWICK (SAINT JOHN, NB)**

1. WELCOME

HNB President, Todd Pye called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the 57th Annual General Meeting.

2. CREDENTIALS

Nic Jansen went through the voting credentials report:

President	Todd Pye
Junior Commissioner	Scott MacKenzie
Elite Hockey Commissioner	Louis Gaudet
Chair Officials	Tim Skinner
Chair Senior	Phil Huckins
Minor Chair	Luc Martin
Female Commissioner	Lori Williams

ROC 1 Eric Lebel, Marc-Andre Voisine, Mark Wright, Mario Martin
4 TOTAL

ROC 2 Dawn Shaw, Chris Scott, Cathy Waugh, Lisa Law
4 TOTAL

ROC 3 Craig Moore, Kevin Pottle, Sheldon Hay, Hazel Wells, Ken Oliver
5 TOTAL

ROC 4 Jeff McLeod, Corey Logan, Richard Hawkes, Jen Estey, Brad Vautour, Jason Kindred (arrived after credential report was completed)
5 TOTAL

ROC 5 Maurice Theriault, Denis Sheehan, Lee MacWilliams, Alexandre Mallett, Jamie Trenholm, Roger Brun, Justin Belliveau
7 TOTAL

ROC 6 Michael Berube, Ian Donald, Carl Watters, James Sherwood, Kevin Russell
5 TOTAL

ROC 7 Daniel Roussel, Gilles Cormier, Jean-Marie Albert, Francine Albert, Charles Albert, Matthew Sullivan, Lee Benoit
7 TOTAL

ROC 8 Todd Williams, Jeremy Irvine, Sterling Loga, Bobby Frees
4 TOTAL

There are a total of 48 votes recorded. Notices of motions will require 32 positive votes.

Staff Resource – Nic Jansen

Observers – Tom Donovan (Life Member), Beverley Jacobson (Life Member), Brad Jenkins (NBHOA), Matt Vautour (Staff), Katie Peddle (Staff), Michelle Currie (Staff), Heather Strickland (Staff).

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence to remember HNB members who passed away this season:

Marcel LeBlanc, Corey Paradis, Terry Rhindress, Vance Scott, Katie Toda, Joe Peters

4. RECOGNITION OF LIFE MEMBERS

Todd Pye recognized the HNB life members in attendance – Beverley Jacobson, Tom Donovan

5. MINUTES OF 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Jeff McLeod / Todd Williams

Motion to approve the 2024 HNB Annual General Meeting Minutes. **Carried.**

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report submitted and included in E-Binder.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report submitted and included in E-Binder.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports submitted and included in E-Binder.

10. PROVINCIAL COUNCIL / COMMISSION CHAIR REPORTS

Reports as submitted and included in E-Binder.

11. REGIONAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL CHAIRS REPORTS

Reports submitted and included in E-Binder.

12. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Louis Gaudet welcomed Remi Boudreau from Allen, Paquet and Arseneau LLP to present the Audited Financial statement for 2024-2025. Remi said that it was a smooth audit report and reviewed the document with the group.

HNB Audited Finance Statement

Louis Gaudet / Ken Oliver

Motion to approve the HNB 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statement. **Carried.**

HNB Fiscal Policy amendments

Nic Jansen presented the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Policy. There will be increases to the Hockey Canada participant assessment fees. The proposed changes also include an increase to Jr. A team fee.

Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Jr. A team	\$1,300	\$2,000
Hockey Canada Assessment (per participant)	\$3.00	\$14.68

Louis Gaudet / Scott MacKenzie

Motion to approve the HNB Fiscal Policy amendments as presented. **Carried.**

HNB Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Louis Gaudet presented the 2025-2026 budget for the membership to review. The 2025-2026 budget is balanced.

Appointment of the Auditors

Louis Gaudet / Kevin Russell

Motion to approve Allen, Paquet, Arseneau LLP as the auditors for the 2025-2026 season. **Carried.**

New Brunswick Hockey Officials Council 2024-2025 Audited Statements

Tim Skinner presented the NBHOC audited statements for review. The audited statements were approved by the NBHOC.

New Brunswick Hockey Officials Council 2025-2026 Budget

Tim Skinner presented the NBHOC 2025-2026 budget for review. The budget was approved by the NBHOC.

13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2026 AGM – The 2026 AGM be hosted at Four Points Sheraton in Edmundston.

2027 AGM – The 2027 AGM will be hosted at the Crowne Plaza in Moncton.

14. CALENDAR OF COMMITMENTS

Todd Williams / Sterling Loga

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Calendar of Commitments as presented. **Carried.**

15. NEW BUSINESS

Todd Pye facilitated the voting of Notices of Motion.

Daniel Roussel / Luc Martin

Motion to approve Article 108.d. **Carried.**

Luc Martin / Mark Wright

Section 304.6.b. **Tabled.**

Daniel Roussel / Ray Carmichael

Motion to approve By-Law 7.1.a. **Carried.**

Daniel Roussel / Ray Carmichael

Motion to approve By-Law 7.10.a. **Carried.**

16. ADJOURNMENT

Todd Pye thanked the membership for all of their work during the 2024-2025 season. Craig Moore was recognized as an outgoing Board member.

Motion by Luc Martin at 3:04 p.m. to adjourn the 2025 Annual General Meeting. **Carried.**

President – Todd Pye

I am proud to serve as a leader within Hockey New Brunswick and to be part of such a dedicated, passionate, and growing hockey community. As we close out another season, I want to sincerely thank each of you for your continued commitment to the game we all value so deeply.

Your efforts, whether behind the bench, in the stands, on the ice, or within our organization are what drive hockey forward in our province. Because of you, players of all ages and abilities can learn, compete, and thrive in a safe and supportive environment.

This past year has been one of meaningful progress and continued growth. Highlights include:

- Continued advancement of our Safe Sport initiatives and policies
- Ongoing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programming
- Expanded support for neurodiverse athletes through specialized camps
- Strengthening of our independent third-party complaint process
- Continued focus on financial stability and membership growth
- Implementation and progress on our Strategic Plan
- Successful Atlantic Championships for both male and female divisions

Hockey New Brunswick continues to be recognized as a strong and progressive organization. As we look ahead, we remain committed to evolving with the game, supporting our membership, and building on the foundation we've established.

We will stay focused on our Strategic Plan, continue to listen and adapt, and ensure we are providing the leadership and resources needed for long-term success. By working together, we will continue to strengthen our game and create positive experiences for everyone involved.

Thank you again for your dedication, your passion, and your ongoing support of Hockey New Brunswick.

Wishing you all a safe, active, and enjoyable summer.

With gratitude and optimism,
Todd Pye

Executive Director – Nic Jansen

Hockey New Brunswick (HNB) continued to prioritize player development, accessibility, inclusion, and technology throughout the 2025–2026 season through a wide range of educational initiatives, grassroots programming, high-performance development opportunities, and strategic partnerships.

Education, Inclusion & Safe Sport

HNB delivered several province-wide educational initiatives focused on inclusion, respect, and responsible conduct. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion workshops led by Normand Hector engaged more than 250 participants, while Brock McGillis' Shiftmaker's Tour reached over 575 participants across 25+ teams with programming centered on inclusion and safe sport culture. Allison Forsyth also presented social media conduct sessions to HNB members, emphasizing responsible online behavior and digital citizenship. These initiatives reinforced HNB's commitment to fostering a safe and respectful hockey environment.

Accessibility & Grassroots Development

HNB expanded access to hockey through several grassroots initiatives:

- **Skate Your Way Program:** Offered free programming for neurodiverse youth ages 5–18 in four communities, with 118 participants taking part in 10 on-ice sessions. The season concluded with a year-end jamboree held in collaboration with Hockey Canada and the ESSO Cup.
- **NHL/NHLPA First Shift:** Continued to provide affordable entry points into hockey for new families through programs hosted in multiple associations across the province.
- **Skills Camps:** Co-ed camps were hosted in 16 communities, focusing on both on-ice skill development and off-ice life skills such as teamwork, fitness, and respect.
- **Esso Fun Days:** HNB members hosted 10 of the 50 national Esso Fun Day events, promoting female hockey participation through free and inclusive programming.

High Performance & Goaltending Development

Two Goaltending Level 1 clinics trained 45 coaches, while the High-Performance Goalie Clinic provided elite development opportunities for competitive U13 goaltenders through on-ice sessions, off-ice training, and presentations from high-level hockey personnel, including NHL goaltender Jake Allen.

ESSO Cup Legacy & Event Hosting

The ESSO Cup was hosted in Dieppe for the first time in New Brunswick history, led by the Moncton Rockets organization. In addition to the national championship event, HNB coordinated several development initiatives alongside the tournament, including Esso Fun Days, goalie camps, officiating clinics, and coaching certification opportunities, creating a lasting legacy within the province.

Financial Support & Partnerships

Through the Hockey Canada Assist Fund, 81 HNB members received a combined \$46,866 in registration assistance, helping reduce financial barriers for families across the province.

HNB also strengthened its partnerships during the season:

- Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick became the presenting sponsor of Minor and Female Provincial Championships.
- Falavory partnered with HNB to provide new fundraising opportunities for teams and associations.

Digital Modernization

HNB continued expanding the use of Spordle Play, enhancing league operations through centralized websites, electronic game scoring, scheduling, and mobile integration. The platform was utilized by several leagues and served as the official scoring and information hub for all Minor, Female, and AAA Provincial Championships. Based on strong feedback and operational success, HNB plans to further expand the platform during the 2026–2027 season.

Thanks again to all the outstanding volunteers throughout New Brunswick. It's a pleasure to work with a passionate and dedicated group of volunteers.

See you around the rink.

Nic Jansen, Executive Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appeals Committee – Mark Bordage

This year the appeals committee dealt with 20 appeals. 9 of the appeals were approved and 11 were denied. The appeals submitted were related to: Suspensions, Provincial Qualification, Residency Regulations, Player Releases, Upward Player Movement, and interpretation of the Minor Operations and Elite Hockey Operations Manuals.

Thanks to the committee members for your continued diligence.

Constitution Committee – Daniel Roussel

I would like to thank all the members of the constitution committee for 2025-2026 season, Phil Huckins, Jeff McLeod, Ray Carmichael, and the ex officio members Todd Pye and Todd Williams. Thank you for your involvement and input in this committee.

The constitution committee met 2 times this year at the Fall Forum and Semi-annual meeting. We mainly discuss the constitution amendments and the government Self-assessment and evaluation.

We identified some areas missing in the self-assessment that was reported to HNB board of directors. The constitution committee submit some notice of motion for the AGM this year.

Personnel Committee – Scott MacKenzie

In early 2026 the Personnel Committee completed the annual staff performance evaluations with the assistance of Nic Jansen and Todd Pye. The results of these reviews continue to demonstrate that HNB staff perform at a consistently high level and remain committed to excellence in their roles.

As part of the evaluation process, annual compensation packages were reviewed and discussed. All staff members received salary increases, with each adjustment remaining within the established HNB salary pay bands currently in effect.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, I would like to sincerely thank Matt, Brogan, Michelle, Heather, Katie and Nic for their continued dedication and commitment to serving the membership. Your daily efforts and professionalism are greatly valued and appreciated by both the Personnel Committee and the HNB Board of Directors.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the members of the Personnel Committee for your ongoing voluntary service and dedication to HNB. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

Scott
Personnel Committee Chair

Risk and Safety Committee – Michael Berube

Committee Members:

Michael Berube – Chair	Michael Wilson	Tim Skinner
Phil Huckins	Luc Martin	Neil Jacobson
Todd Pye	Todd Williams	Nic Jansen

The Risk and Safety Committee met twice during the season with a virtual meeting November 18th, 2025, and face-to-face, January 30th, 2026. The Risk Register was reviewed at both meetings, reflecting the increase in discussion at both the Hockey New Brunswick and Hockey Canada about uninsured liabilities.

Nic provided an update on suspensions, on-going complaints and investigations. There are challenges in how allegations are investigated for violations of the Safe Sport Manual, as there can be a delay between the complaint and the investigation. Our current practice is to suspend the respondent until the matter is resolved. More education and training is required around the social media Policy as there was an increase in violations to the policy.

Proper fitting facial protectors, facemasks and neck guards continue to be an issue this past season with Jr. B, C, High School, U15 and U18 teams.

I began my involvement as a member of the Hockey Canada Safety Program Advisory Council, a working group looking at education and training requirements for the safety program. There are significant differences in the requirements across the country and Hockey Canada is looking to standardize.

I want to thank the committee members, staff, and Hockey Canada for their dedication and commitment to keeping the sport inclusive and safe for everyone.

The Shift Forward is an enhanced education program that was created following an extensive consultation process with stakeholders in Hockey Canada-sanctioned programs to understand how education and training can better support participants and the key objective of changing unhealthy behaviours in the game. The Shift Forward replaced the Respect in Sport Activity Leader course for the 2025-2026 season, and the Respect in Sport Parent Program for the 2026-2027 season.

Yours In Hockey,
Michael Berube, Chair

Awards Committee Report – Dawn Shaw

Criteria documents and deadline information for both Awards and Scholarships were posted to the HNB website as well as highlighted on social media feeds and e-mailed to HNB contacts for distribution. The final selection meeting was held on Saturday, April 18, 2025.

Scholarships

Submissions were reviewed for the Jim Sterling, Delta Fortis, HNB Academic Ron Bradbury scholarships, and the Tracy Arsenault Memorial Women's Hockey scholarship.

Committee members again highlighted admiration for the level of volunteerism, school committee and community involvement. It is also very rewarding to read the applicant essays outline about how hockey as a sport, impacts their lives, the importance of encouraging coaches and supportive teammates, and how much people can help each other build confidence, leadership qualities and lifelong family and friends as well as provide outlet during times of personal or family difficulties.

Awards

There have been fewer submissions for awards in the past couple of years. With the number of quality volunteers it takes to make hockey run the Awards are a great opportunity to honor many hours of organizing and effort.

Still, there was good conversation around awards submissions in deciding between candidates for each Award. The volunteers and participants are the heart of Hockey New Brunswick and lead directly to the quality of the programs we can provide.

It is very encouraging to see the nominations outlining the great efforts by volunteers at all levels. Winners of the 2026 awards have sacrificed a lot of time and effort while handling work and family commitments.

We, as a committee, encourage everyone to continue to keep these awards in mind as the 2026-2027 season starts. Make the committee's job even harder next with lots of deserving submissions.

We want to say thank you to volunteers and participants at all levels; executives, coaches, organizers for recruiting, supporting, and growing the game for all participants in their respective regions as well as across the province to make hockey a positive environment.

Congratulations to all winners of scholarships and awards.

Thanks to committee members Eric Lebel and Bev Jacobson for taking the time to thoroughly read all submissions and the good discussion on the many deserving candidates. Special thanks Michelle Currie for organizing and distributing submissions for the committee members. Thanks also to Todd Pye for attending in support of the selection meeting. Thank you all for your time and efforts!

Board member: Luc Martin

Position: Minor Chair

General Updates:

During the last season, the Minor Council worked on several files in an effort to improve hockey in New Brunswick.

Spordle:

Districts 1 and 2 volunteered to test the Spordle pilot project across all categories. District 2 used it at approximately 75%, while District 1 used it at 100%. This was a very positive experience.

Provincial Championships:

This season, the Minor Council organized 16 provincial tournaments in the M11 to M18 divisions. In the AA, A, and B divisions, there were 8 teams per division, except for M18 where LCM18NB manages its own tournament. In the C division, tournaments consisted of 16 teams. In total, approximately 145 teams participated in the various provincial tournaments over two weekends.

The biggest challenge in organizing these tournaments was that some host associations had not booked their ice time and accommodations. This created a significant issue, and some teams had to travel more than one hour to find hotels.

Regarding ice time, some associations did not want to respect the scheduled times outlined in CHMNB regulations for tournaments and provincial championships. Some associations even threatened the Minor Council not to host the provincial tournament one week before it was scheduled.

Discipline:

This season, there were 601 suspensions, an increase of 36 compared to last season: 512 players and 89 coaches. The Discipline Committee met on 28 occasions to review cases involving offending players and coaches.

Zone A:

This was the first season where Zone A teams (Districts 1, 2, and 3) participated together in a zone league. This made it much easier to determine which teams would participate in the provincial championships.

Appeals:

There were 32 video review submissions and 13 appeals this season. Some associations appear to take advantage of the appeal process. For example, an association may appeal a decision, win the appeal, and then file another appeal a month later on a related decision.

Initiatives for the 2026-2027 season:

Spordle:

The Minor Council decided to implement the Spordle program across all districts in New Brunswick. The program has already been used for several years during provincial championships.

Provincial Championships:

The Minor Council and HNB will work on a new application process for associations wishing to host a provincial championship. Ice time and accommodation must be booked before submitting an application.

In addition, the Minor Council decided to reduce the number of teams in the C division from 16 to 8. The reasoning is that a 16-team tournament limits many associations that cannot host due to lack of ice time and accommodations

The Minor Council will no longer allow associations to sell their own logo for a provincial championship. Only HNB-approved logos will be permitted.

Amalgamation:

This season, we received several requests from associations wishing to merge with neighboring associations, as well as some requests for separation.

A form was created that associations must complete before proceeding with any steps.

The Bathurst and Baie des Chaleurs associations worked on a merger project. The process took two years with the involvement of an independent committee. A presentation was made to members of both associations, followed by a vote. One association approved it by 94.1% and the other by 89.6%.

Elite Hockey Commission – Louis Gaudet

Board member: **Louis Gaudet**

Position: **Elite Hockey Chair**

General Updates: Overall season has been good. Most teams were competitive this season. There was a reduction in teams from the western part of the province with the U15AAA team based in the Northwest not operating. Issues remain with ice allocation, and general lack of accessible ice in most areas of the province. Suspensions were down this season at all levels. Complaints regarding fair play and equal ice time for players continue to be addressed. There continues to be movement of players among zones and draw areas within zones that are primarily fueled by parents. Players are moving out-of-zone to compete for places on teams in other zones. Managing Parental expectations has become a great issue. Some teams still attempting to find ways to circumvent regulations regardless of knowledge in attempt to 'win' and perhaps not develop.

Provincial winners were East Lynx (U13AAA); East Scorpions (U14AAA); East Hawks (U15AAA); St John Vito's (South) and Fredericton Caps (U18AAA).

Initiatives completed this season:

Established Financial budget standards for teams to follow to enable all players to maintain similar experiences throughout the province. Guidelines were sent to all elite teams within the province.

Team selection process is still not standardized throughout the province but the goal of using like systems is progressing forward. The resistance to change remains a challenge.

The GOLD Medal Pathway was again followed by most teams in the 'AAA' stream.

The 'AAA' Provincials were once again held in Moncton in early April declaring champions at the U13 AAA, U14 AAA, and U15 AAA divisions. A great atmosphere with several exciting games played over 4 days. Officials from around the province were brought in to officiate the tournament. U16 and U18 teams played series to declare provincial champions.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion workshops were held again this season. Normand Hector again engaged athletes with his - E, D & I workshops which were completed for U15, U16 & U18 teams.

Preparation was completed to conduct the ongoing review of franchises within the elite 'AAA' stream.

A special thanks to Elite Hockey Commission board members - Denis Sheehan, Ray, Bobby Frees, Jason Kindred, Luc Martin, and Steven Jones for their time and dedication they give towards Elite Hockey within our province.

Special thanks to the staff of Hockey New Brunswick – Nic Jansen and Brogan Bailey for their dedication, support and guidance in helping guide Elite Hockey in our province.

Female Commission report – Lori Williams

Board member: Lori Williams

Position: Female Commissioner

General Updates:

The second year of AAA within female associations went well this year. Teams participated in an interlock with PEI and are reviewing plans to do the same with NS next season. Our NB teams were very competitive in Atlantic with West Kent Phoenix U15 winning Silver!

The Moncton Rockets hosted the Esso cup in May and the hockey was excellent. Our Rockets were competitive overall but lost in the bronze game to their rivals from HNS. A great and polished effort by the host committee and their volunteers

The Provincial League operated with some difficulties this year. Many teams refused to travel and left other teams short of games. For the upcoming season, the Female Commission will run a FPL for AA teams only with the expectation that A level teams move to existing regional leagues or form their own regional leagues. There will be significant work required to organize this initiative.

Provincial championships went well with minimal complaints. Congratulations to our female champions!

For the upcoming season, the female game will be solely governed by a Female Executive Committee which will be made up of existing ROC members and 3 appointed members. This change furthers the autonomy needed to make the best decisions for our players.

Initiatives completed this season:

- Increase in registered players (3,514 (increase of 161)) and coaches and bench staff (1,173 (increase of 179)). Increases in Female Association growth during the season:

- Western Valley (25% increase)
- Central Female (18.4% increase)
- West Kent Female (15.8% increase)
- SEFHA (3.3% increase)
- Greater Miramichi Female (1.4% increase)

- Success in running development initiatives – Esso Fun Days, First Shift, WGIHW events, Global Girls Day, Skills Camps

- Success with skills camps in almost every association this year (both co-ed and girls)

- Successful showcase and interlock weekends for AAA teams.

- Development initiatives run in conjunction with the Esso Cup

- Piloting the NB Women and Girls Coaching Network (Katie)

Special thanks to Katie Peddle and HNB staff for all their support during the past season.

Respectfully,

Lori Williams

Junior Commission – Scott MacKenzie

General Updates:

The NB Junior League completed another highly successful season, highlighted by continued growth and increasing parity between the Don Johnson Cup and Maritime Cup divisions.

The Southeast Cap-Pelé Knights were crowned champions of the Don Johnson Junior “B” division, while the Sunny Corner Thunder captured the Maritime Junior “C” division. Both playoff series were highly competitive, exciting to watch, and extremely well attended by fans throughout the province.

The Sunny Corner Thunder went on to represent Hockey New Brunswick (HNB) at the Maritime Cup Championship in Prince Edward Island. The team performed admirably and represented both HNB and the Junior C League with class, sportsmanship, and dignity throughout the tournament.

The Acadian Peninsula Poseidon stepped up on short notice to host a four-team tournament featuring two teams from New Brunswick and two from Nova Scotia. The event, supported by both HNB and the NB Junior League, was very well run. The Cap-Pelé Knights emerged as tournament champions.

Looking ahead, the league is excited to announce that the Moncton Vito’s will be returning to the Don Johnson Cup division for the 2026–27 season.

Finally, Sheldon, Donnie, Bernie, and I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Heather Strickland and the entire Hockey New Brunswick staff for their continued support and cooperation throughout the year. As Sheldon noted, *“This was the most successful year I can remember,”* a sentiment that reflects the strong collaboration between HNB and the teams in both leagues this season.

Senior Council – Phil Huckins

I am pleased to present this report as the Senior Chair for Hockey New Brunswick, reflecting on our recent achievements, ongoing initiatives, and the strategic direction of our league.

This past season has been both challenging (one league not operating, one team withdrawn shortly after the season started and the other league only having 4 teams) and rewarding. Our teams have shown outstanding performance on and off the ice, demonstrating the resilience and passion that our sport embodies. Attendance at our games has seen a significant increase, highlighting growing interest and support from our fan base.

Our financial responsibilities remain a topic of conversation for all leagues. The cost to operate and maintain a good product always seems to a balancing act. Some teams/leagues have implemented several initiatives aimed at increasing participation in local hockey groups.

Congratulations to our leagues and their champions.

Dalhousie "Marauders" (BSHL)

Saint-Leonard "Draveurs" (AVHL)

Adult Rec. Remains a priority for senior council.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the board members, staff, coaches, players, and fans for their unwavering support and dedication. Together, we continue to build a strong future for senior hockey that is competitive, and community focused.

Thank you for your commitment.

Sincerely,
Phil

Officials Council – Tim Skinner

NBHOA Chairman's Report

The 2025-2026 Season was another positive season for the NBHOA which saw our Membership increase to 1470 officials. As our membership grows, and Volunteerism declines the largest obstacle we as a council need to overcome is the support required to develop these younger officials. Development needs to be more than just giving them games but must include coaching and development early on in their officiating journey.

Today we welcome a new RIC for HNB Steve O'Shaughnessy to lead this council into the future of officiating in New Brunswick. I encourage Steve to find a way to embrace all these new officials make them feel comfortable and confident so that we can change the poor retention numbers of officials throughout Hockey Canada. Work with each Zone director individually to address any issues or obstacles they may have in providing a superior officiating experience to all our members in all areas of the Province.

I am excited to hopefully welcome a new Coordinator of Officiating as a full-time staff member of HNB. I encourage the board to ensure you find the right person for this position. This person will require officiating knowledge, commitment and dedication to oversee the Key Objectives of both the Officials Council as well as the HNB Board of Directors. They need to be aligned with our Grassroots programs and assist in promotion, recruitment and retention of officials. They will need to align with provincial development of all officials, assisting with instruction, learning materials and the on-going education for Officials. Moreover, they will need to be strategic in supporting mentorship, coaching evaluation and assessment.

I want to thank all the Zone Directors, League Representatives and most importantly our officials in the Province for their patience, support, and respect for me during my last 16 years as a member of the NBHOA Board. We may not have always agreed, but our intentions were always to provide a better experience for all those involved in Hockey in the Province.

A thank you to HNB and Executive Director Nic Jansen, HNB President Todd Pye and the entire HNB staff and BOD personally for all the hard work they are putting in behind the scenes for hockey in New Brunswick and the support they have provided NBHOA. Finally, to our Technical Director Brad Jenkins for his continued support and respect throughout our journey together, words certainly cannot fully express my gratitude for your heavy lifting; Thank You Brad Jenkins!!!

Respectfully.

Tim Skinner

HNB RIC

ROC REPORTS

Board Member: Eric Lebel

Position: COR1

General Updates:

- The 2025–2026 season was marked by an increase in registrations across all associations, with 52 additional players, for a total of 892 players. This growth reflects the ongoing commitment of families and communities to the development of youth hockey.
- Teams from our district competed in a league that includes Districts 1, 2, and 3, allowing players to face teams from other regions of the province.
- A significant increase in the number of suspensions was observed in the region.
 - 2023–2024 = 14, 2024–2025 = 22, 2025–2026 = 43
- Our district hosted four provincial tournaments this year, providing players with enriching competitive experiences.
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- A regional U13 girls' team participated in two tournaments: finalists at the West Kent tournament and champions at the Dieppe tournament. These results demonstrate the growth and increasing success of women's hockey in our district.
- Integration of 16 new officials this season:
- Four officials' clinics were organized at the beginning of the season to properly prepare them for their roles.
- Regular follow-ups were conducted throughout the season to support the development of their skills.

Initiatives carried out this season:

- Implementation of the Spordle platform for managing games and statistics, used for both the regular season and regional and provincial tournaments.
- Organization of a specific training session for goaltenders in January.
- Secured funding for the development of officials in the region.
- Secured funding for coach training within the regional associations of District 1.

Board member: Neil Jacobson

Position: Chair ROC 3

General Updates:

Zone 3 delivered a positive year in hockey development, showcasing quality program delivery across minor, female, junior, officiating and senior divisions. A regional focus remained on officiating quality, recruitment, inclusivity, and effective governance while responding to growth opportunities and confronting challenges like discipline and coach development.

Female hockey enjoyed growth in numbers, officiating programs maintained high standards, and the return of senior hockey reinvigorated the region. Moving forward, strategic focus on player retention, behavioral discipline, and coach development will ensure a sustainable and inclusive future for all players, officials, and staff.

1. Female Hockey Development

Female hockey in Zone 3 reported steady progress, reaching new audiences through special events and grassroots efforts:

- There is a need for strategic collaborations with co-ed associations in smaller regions to boost retention and develop dedicated female teams is a priority moving forward.
- Efforts to engage co-ed associations, such as Nackawic and Doaktown, showed promising player registrations at younger levels. However, retaining older female players in co-ed environments remains difficult, with ice availability and familiarity with all-female formats cited as barriers.
- Angela Hawkins has decided to move on from her role. We will be looking for a replacement going into next season.

2. Officiating

- Zone 3 continues to provide strong officiating coverage across all minor, junior, and senior hockey levels within the Fredericton and surrounding areas. The zone supports associations including Boiestown, Doaktown, Fredericton, Grand Lake, York North, York West, and Central Female programs. Officials were assigned across minor hockey, high school, junior, senior, and female levels, including AUS assignments.
- Primary challenges include recruitment and retention, increasing demands on senior officials, managing complaints, and maintaining consistent development pathways.

3. Minor

- Season started with number of registered players 2911 and a total bench staff of 641.

- District competitive teams playing out of Southern NB League this season for all levels worked well. We had a balance of correct levels play within their respective levels AA/A/B. A big thank you to all involved for the work with schedules and thank you again to District 5 for the returning invite.
 - We will have a new president of Grand Lake Minor Hockey-welcome Scott Ryan and thank you to Mat Richardson for his last 10 years of volunteering with the association.
 - Zone 3 achieved three provincial championships:
 - **U13 AA:** FYHA Ice Dogs
 - **U15 AA:** OMHA Eagles
 - **U15 B & U18 B:** Tri County (**District 3 Report**)
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Senior Hockey

- The Fredericton Express enjoyed a successful debut season in the Beausejour Senior Hockey League. Despite logistical challenges in using three arenas, games were played before packed audiences. The team further excelled by finishing as runners-up in the league's playoffs.
 - Adult recreational hockey continued its strong growth in Fredericton, with ongoing efforts to expand participation.
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4. Development

- At the beginning of the year, Kevin Pottle was asked to chair the coach selection process for York North and was asked by FYHA to monitor fair play by one coach.
 - Kevin Pottle would like to see a provincial discussion around reinstating a *Development Weekend* as a standardized coach training program to ensure consistent improvement across all associations.
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5 . Discipline and Behavior Concerns

- Increased reports of poor conduct at U15 and U18 levels led to rising suspensions, including over 65 combined player suspensions and more than 10 bench staff incidents. Some cases involved abuse and maltreatment, presenting a significant concern.
- Recommendations to implement mandatory behavioral training for U15 and U18 players, potentially involving experts like Norman Hector, were outlined as potential opportunities for the next season.

Initiatives completed this season:

Female:

- Programs like the All-Female *First Shift* and World Girls Hockey Day events organized by Central Female Hockey attracted significant interest, with full participation (**Female Report**).
- Keswick hosted its successful *Female Hockey Night*, sponsored by the ROC, featuring snacks and giveaways for younger participants. This highlighted the untapped potential in the area despite the challenge of securing full player commitments.

Officials:

- **Recruitment:** Zone 3 recruited 73 new officials this year, supported with mentorship, evaluations, and developmental progression to high-performance levels, such as U18 AAA and AUS.

Minor:

- Inclusivity programs, including goalie clinics, *Esso Fun Days*, and *First Shift*, boosted diversity and participation, with neurodiversity sessions adding an inclusive layer

ROC 4 – Jeff McLeod

Board member: Jeff McLeod

Position: ROC4 Chair

General Updates:

The season was successful, with numerous initiatives completed throughout the year. Despite facing several challenges across the region—including rising ice costs, difficulties in retaining officials, and turnover at both the association and district director levels—the region was able to deliver a strong and successful season. Building on this progress, there are plans in place to support continued growth for the 2026–2027 season.

Initiatives completed this season:

- Fundy Bay Community Hockey association launched a new website, will host their first AGM, certification of all coaches, use of certified officials, plans to follow HC guidelines for the creation of teams for the 2026-2027 season
- New in arena messaging for abuse of officials completed and in place for 2026-2027 season
- Fundy Female welcomed their first team from Grand Manan, as well as U9 teams from Charlotte County and Hampton. They hosted the Kraken Cup which attracted 58 teams and finally they hosted another First Shift program with 40 participants
- The Saint John Vito's hosted a successful U18 Atlantics
- The Saint Vito's U16 captured the Maritime Championship which was a first for a NB based team
- A new franchise for senior hockey in Saint John that will enter the BSHL for the 2026-2027 season

Respectfully, Jeff McLeod

ROC 5 – Louis Gaudet

Board member: Louis Gaudet

Position: ROC #5 Chair

General Updates: Overall, very successful season with many tournaments. Zone 5 hosted once again, the Atlantic Challenge Cup and the HNB AAA Provincials both at the Greenfoot Energy 4-Plex in Moncton. We were also host for the Esso Cup (U18AAA Canadian Women's Championships) at the UNI-Plex in Dieppe. Several teams from the zone won Provincial Championships from all levels 'C' through 'AAA' in both mixed and female hockey.

Initiatives completed this season: Neurodiverse sessions in Dieppe were once again a tremendous success. There were 10 bi-weekly sessions held and hosted the jamboree in conjunction with the Women's Esso Cup. Special thanks to on-ice lead David Melanson who ran sessions with Ryan Camp and Alexandre Melanson. Julie Doucette served as off-ice manager. High school and Minor Hockey teams served as on-ice helpers for these sessions.

Minor Hockey in the zone once again enjoyed a successful season. Zone 5 comprises of Districts 6 and 7 with 11 associations between the 2 districts. Both districts were able to host several tournaments including some year-end Provincials in both Female and mixed divisions. The re-opening of the arena in Cap Pele greatly aided ice requirements in District 7. Teams in both female and mixed divisions competed in provincial tournaments around the province, and many were successful in capturing a provincial banner.

Elite hockey in the East zone continues to excel with East teams capturing all 5 divisions at the 'AAA' Provincials held in April. The U18AAA Moncton Rockets also captured the NB Provincial crown along with the Atlantic Championships on route to hosting the Esso Cup.

Officials have many new officials entering the stream and are working diligently to train and retain these young officials. They continue to get as many U13AAA and U15AAA games supervised as possible. These are great leagues to help officials grow by being coached and given feedback. Another highlight is again this year we brought in officials from different parts of the province to officiate the U13 and U15 AAA provincials in Moncton. All games were supervised/coached.

The Beausejour Senior League again had a successful season combining 2 teams from Zone 5 along with teams from Northern New Brunswick. Attendance was good again this season.

A big 'Thank you' to ROC 5 board members - Lee McWilliams, Alexandre Mallet, Justin Belliveau, Jamie Trenholm, Roger Brun and Denis Sheehan for their hard work and dedication towards amateur hockey in our zone.

Special thanks to the staff of Hockey New Brunswick – Nic, Brogan, Heather, Matt and Katie for their hard work, support and guidance in making Hockey the great sport it is in our province.

ROC 6 – Michael Berube

General Updates:

Board member: James Sherwood

Position: Female Rep

General Updates:

- **Championship Titles:** U11A and U18A teams captured Provincial Championship banners.
- **Hosting Excellence:** Successfully executed the U18A Provincial Championship tournament, alongside the launch of the Panthers Cup.
- **Leadership Continuity & Growth:** Maintained organizational stability with the re-election of the existing Executive board, alongside the strategic addition of new positions to better support the growing association.
- **Facility Negotiations:** Secured an agreement with the city for an increased allocation of ice time for the upcoming season.
- **Registration Fluctuations:** Unexpected registration numbers at the start of the season necessitated difficult organizational decisions. While the immediate logistics were resolved, ongoing effort is required to address some lingering frustrations.
- **Ice Time Shortages:** Significant challenges regarding the lack of available ice time within the city were proactively addressed, resulting in a firm commitment from the municipality for increased ice allocation next year.

Initiatives completed this season:

- **Inaugural Panthers Cup:** Successfully launched the first-ever Panthers Cup. The event was highly praised, with teams already inquiring about participating next year.
- **Administrative Upgrades:** Expanding the use of the Spordle platform for the upcoming season to streamline association operations, including a more efficient registration process.
- **Off-Season Development:** Exploring the introduction of a summer roller hockey program to facilitate continued skill development while local ice is unavailable.
- **New Development Clinics:** Introduced new pre-season and spring ice clinics, which yielded strong attendance and positive feedback

Board member: Ian Donald

Position: Minor Rep

General Updates:

- The 2025–26 minor hockey season experienced stable participation levels. All four associations—Miramichi Minor Hockey, Renous Minor Hockey, Rogersville Minor Hockey, and Sunny Corner Minor Hockey—were operational throughout the season. Each association demonstrated both successes and ongoing challenges.
- All C-level teams participated in the North Shore Minor Hockey League, as well as most AA/A/B levels however the Miramichi U15B played in the Southeastern League due to no B division in

the North Shore Minor Hockey League. Continued improvements to North Shore Minor Hockey League scheduling would benefit all associations, including District 8, however, the overall strength and effectiveness of the league depends on the level of involvement from its member associations. While District 8 associations regularly attended league meetings, increased engagement in league operations and development would be beneficial.

- Off-ice discipline, particularly spectator behavior from parents, grandparents, and caregivers, remains a significant concern. Verbally abusive behavior toward players and officials has reached an all-time high. Incidents requiring game stoppages and the ejection of spectators have become increasingly common, occurring nearly every weekend. District 8 experienced an unacceptable number of such situations during the season.
- The season concluded on a positive note, with many District 8 teams advancing to various provincial tournaments. In addition, Miramichi Minor Hockey successfully hosted the U11AA Provincial Tournament, delivering an exceptional event marked by strong attendance, excellent organization, and a positive experience for all participants.

Board member: Jeff Silliker

Position: Officials Rep

General Updates:

We had 61 registered officials 12 of which were new. We continue to struggle to recruit officials in the Renous Minor Hockey area with only 3 officials. Will try again to work with Renous Minor Hockey to increase their numbers.

We had 4 officials attend the Provincial AAA championships in Moncton. All four officials received very positive feedback and praise from their supervisors. The same 4 officials also officiated in the Maritime Junior Hockey League this season.

Two officials were selected to officiate the Maritime Junior B Championships in Lameque.

Some of our selected minor officials had opportunity to officiate the U11AA provincial championships which were hosted by Miramichi minor hockey. I credit the success of these officials to the mentoring from the senior officials. Which I hope and expect will continue in the years to come.

There were 3 formal complaints towards 2 officials, 1 from SSNB against 1 official, and 2 from HNB against the other official which they wanted a long suspension for his behavior, but I helped to avoid that.

Zone 6 election was held on April 8, Jeff Silliker was re-elected.

Overall, I would consider this a successful season as we see a vast improvement from our minor officials from the previous year.

Initiatives completed this season:

Board member: Kevin Russell

Position: Sr. Rep

General Updates:

The Miramichi Northmen are the only team that Play in the Beauséjour Senior hockey league in ROC 6. They finished third in the league and ended up playing Fredericton in the first round and we're defeated in four straight. From there they played a mini-series against Bouctouche and won that. Next, they went up against the Dalhousie marauders who took that series in 4 games straight and ended up going on to win the championship.

They were a pretty good team on the ice, but attendance was down this year and not sure why. They are in the planning stages for next year.

Board member: Carl Watters

Position: At-large

General Updates:

A summary of my activities as member at large, included providing guidance to the GMFHA as well as providing support for and facilitating the election at their AGM.

I was once again involved with trying to improve the state of senior female hockey in Miramichi and surrounding areas. I have been asked to provide guidance in meetings involving teams across the North Shore of NB as interest grows in the formation of a league.

ROC 7 – Daniel Roussel

Board member: Daniel Roussel

Position: ROC #7

General Updates:

I want to thank all members of ROC 7 Francine Albert and Lee Benoit as district directors, Jean-Marie Albert and Matthew Sullivan as referees in chiefs, Gilles Cormier for senior and Marco Plourde for female. Your dedication for hockey in the regions must be acknowledged by all.

It was a good season for hockey in ROC 7

I want to acknowledge the election of Lee Benoit for district director10 position for the 2026-2028 mandate.

The senior series between Lameque and Tracadie went well for the round robin features. It shows an interest for senior hockey at a more local level.

The new association form from AHMBDC and BMHA is a plus for district 10. That will be a regional association, and it will help them to grow the game in that district.

Initiatives completed this season:

Governance:

On governance side, Daniel Roussel and Francine Albert help the AHMPA association with their constitutions and the meetings. Work is still ongoing on this matter as for 2026-2027 season, we will address Néguaq, Tracadie-Sheila, Lamèque-Shippagan and Caraquet community club with their meeting and communication line.

Lee Benoit work on the new association all season with Bathurst and AHMBDC. We are now please to have a new association for Chaleur region. Work will continue next year to help that transition run smoothly.

Grow the game:

On the female side, we grew the number of teams this year with 2 teams at U11 level, one team at U13AA level and a travel team at U13 level. We hope to continue growing that side of the game for ROC 7.

Skill session and extra practices for the female side help to increase interest at that level.

On the male side, we had more inscription, but we must keep the interest to continue to grow.

Development:

Technical Director: The Acadian Peninsula had a new technical director for 2025-2026 season.

Goalie Training was held in Acadian Peninsula and Chaleur region. Some march clinics were held in Caraquet for all regions. We need more training for those goaltenders. We are looking that each community club in Acadian Peninsula will have a clinic each week for the goaltenders.

Skills session for players were held in Acadian Peninsula in Caraquet, Tracadie and Lameque with good attendance.

Safe Sport:

Some education was made aware to association on Safe sports. We need to make more emphasis on those sessions. For the E, D & I, it's really tough to find someone in French to give that session for our players and members.

Event Success:

We held a female U11A Tier 1 provincial in Caraquet. That tournament went well and it was a nice exposure to female hockey in the region.

We held the first Maritime Cup in Caraquet for the Junior B level. 2 teams from NB, the Acadian Peninsula Poseidon and South East Knights and 2 teams from Nova Scotia attend the event. It was a huge success with the final between the 2 NB teams. The committee in place put an excellent tournament in place at that committee want to have the Don Johnson cup if that tournament is going again. If not, they are interested in any Atlantic or other big tournament to take place in the Uni center in Caraquet.

ROC 8 – Todd Williams

Once again, this year, ROC #8, in collaboration with Hockey New Brunswick, Restigouche North Minor Hockey Association (RNMHA), Anglophone School District North, and the North-East Francophone School District, provided activities that promoted skill development and participation in the sport of hockey.

ROC #8 also continued its collaboration with RNMHA by providing financial assistance for ice time related to skill development for female players registered with Restigouche North Minor Hockey.

This additional ice time was utilized by players of all ages, and it is felt that this extra opportunity for female players to participate in development sessions with other female players creates an environment where players gain confidence and improve their skills.

This ice time was used by players as young as U7 and U9. Due to the success of these development sessions, it is believed that RNMHA could potentially add two more female teams for the 2026–2027 season.

There was some disappointment this year, as one member of RNMHA indicated that, had there been enough volunteers, the association could probably have iced at least one additional female team this past season.

Goaltenders continue to be an area of concern for RNMHA. It was important for ROC #8 and RNMHA to address both the skill level of goaltenders and the limited number of individuals within the association able to assist with goalie development. ROC #8 collaborated with RNMHA to provide resources and ice time that created an environment where goaltenders could receive specialized skill development.

It is not uncommon for a team to lack a coach with sufficient knowledge of goaltender development. This commitment to developing goaltenders within the association has not only improved the skill level of players in that position but has also helped prevent goalkeepers from leaving the position to play elsewhere on the ice. As I mentioned in a previous report, I also believe that parents appreciate the association's honest effort to support the development of their son or daughter.

To help promote Active Living, ROC #8, in collaboration with the Anglophone School District and the North-East Francophone School District, introduced Sledge Hockey to two schools within the North-East Francophone School District — La Mosaïque du Nord and Académie Notre-Dame — as well as one school within the Anglophone School District.

Our goal was to introduce students to the different types of hockey available and to demonstrate the commitment within the hockey community to make the game accessible to everyone.

Teachers commented that the students truly enjoyed playing the game and noted that students quickly realized how challenging it was not only to move the sled, but also to handle the ball while doing so.

This activity also supports the movement and physical activity objectives promoted by the Department of Education within Physical Education programs.

Our final successful initiative for the 2025–2026 season was the collaboration between ROC #8 and RNMHA to provide coaching tools used to support on-ice development. These included bumper pads, pass buddies, cones, and small nets, among other training aids used by coaches during practices.

Although these initiatives have been ongoing over the past several years, it is felt that they continue to have a positive impact on the overall development of youth throughout the Restigouche North region.

In closing, I sincerely want to express my appreciation to my fellow ROC #8 members: Bobby Frees, Eric Pelletier, Serge Fontaine, and Sterling Loga.

I would also like to thank Jeremy Irvine for serving as Official Representative for many years, and welcome Roger Hickey as the new Official Representative for ROC #8.

To the HNB staff — Heather, Michelle, Nic, Brogan, and Matt — I not only appreciate everything you do to accommodate our hockey-related requests, but I also appreciate the welcoming environment whenever the office is contacted.

I hope everyone has a great summer.

Todd Williams

ROC #8

Finance committee – Louis Gaudet

Finance committee meetings were held virtually each month from October thru to May.

Our monthly meetings occurred as scheduled, and we continued to review our operating statements as well as receivable and payable schedules.

The Finance Committee, with the help of Nic and Heather, reviewed past history, finalized assumptions and completed the budget for the next operating year of April 2026 to March 2027.

Last season, we worked with a new external auditor (Allen, Pacquet and Arseneau LLP) and will work with them again on our financial statements for the past fiscal year.

With ever challenging rising costs we continue to evaluate our funding initiatives to meet the needs of Hockey New Brunswick and its membership.

We have strived to make investments in opportunities that best reward Hockey New Brunswick and its members while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

I would like to thank Committee Members - Jacques Poitras, Maurice Theriault, Nancy Haslett, Eleanor Marshall, Lee McWilliams, Nic Jansen, and Todd Pye for taking time every month to attend the virtual meetings. A Special 'Thank You' goes to Heather Strickland for providing all her support and coordinating the meetings. Our organization is again in solid financial position thanks to the good financial management by the staff and board of directors.

Louis Gaudet
Chair, finance committee.

**HNB CALENDAR OF COMMITMENTS
2026-2027**

WHEN	WHO	WHAT	WHERE
August 24	Board of Directors	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
August 26	Elite Hockey Commission	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
SEPTEMBER			
September 8	Minor Council	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
September 10	Female Commission	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
Week of September 14	ROC	Meetings	TBD
September 15	Volunteer Orientation (for new Board, Council and Commission members)	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
September 17	Minor Hockey Associations & Leagues	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
September 18	HC Summer Congress	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
OCTOBER			
October 2	Board of Directors	Face to Face	Moncton
October 2	Elite Hockey Commission	Face to Face	Moncton
October 3	Minor Council, Senior Council, Female Commission	Face to Face	Moncton
October 28	Finance Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
October 28	Risk and Safety Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
NOVEMBER			
Week of November 9	ROC	Meetings	TBD
November 25	Finance Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
November 26	Minor Hockey Associations & Leagues	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
DECEMBER			
December 3-5	Hockey Canada AGM	Face to Face	Toronto
December 8	Minor Council	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
December 9	Female Commission	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
December 23	Finance Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
JANUARY			
Week of January 11	ROC	Meetings	TBD
January 27	Finance Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
January 29	Awards Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
January 29	Constitution Committee, Risk and Safety Committee, Elite Hockey Commission	Face to Face	Fredericton
January 30	Minor Council, Female Commission, Senior Council, Officials Council	Face to Face	Fredericton
January 30	Board of Directors	Face to Face	Fredericton

February 11	Minor Hockey Associations & Leagues	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
February 24	Finance Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
March 9	Minor Council	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
March 11	Personnel Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
Week of March 15	ROC	Meetings	TBD
March 24	Finance Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
March 29	Board of Directors (approve 2027-2028 budget)	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
Week of April 19	ROC Meeting / Elections	Meeting	TBD
April 27	Female Commission	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
May 1	Minor Council	Face to Face	TBD
May 1	Awards Committee	Face to Face	Fredericton
May 3	Board of Directors	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
May 26	Elite Hockey Commission	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
June 3-5	HC Spring Congress	Branch Forum	Montreal
June 8	Finance Committee	Virtual Meeting	Zoom
June 11-12	HNB Membership	HNB AGM	Moncton