

## **BARRY FREEZE RETIRES FROM THE PREMIER'S COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF DISABLED PERSONS**



Barry Freeze, who has been with the Premier's Council since 1999, retires. Asked what led to his decision to step down he responded "There's many people within the Saint John community who have considerable experience within the disability movement. Their skills could help the Council greatly."

In his day to day life, Barry works with Leisure Services with the City of Saint John. Married for 26 years with two daughters he has been a prominent figure within the Saint John minor sports community.

Through his work with the Premier's Council, the Active Living Alliance of Canada and other organizations, he has built a network which spans far beyond Saint John. For many people working in the field of recreation, Barry has become the "go-to guy" in resolving some of the barriers faced by persons with disabilities trying to lead active lifestyles. "Recreation is important for everyone" he says, "and this includes persons with disabilities."

Some of the milestones Barry has seen in his work with the Council include progress made with respect to inclusive education, the New Brunswick government establishment of a ventilation program and the recent deployment of the Disability Supports Program. His take on some of the outstanding challenges facing the Council was "it's not the right time yet." It's this dedication to improving the lives of persons with disabilities that has made Barry such a valued member of the Council. "Even though I'm stepping down from the Premier's Council I still plan to be very active within the community of persons with disabilities and their right to healthy active living lifestyles."

"Barry has been a tremendous asset to the Council and we thank him for his many years of contribution" says Christyne Allain, the Executive Director of the Premier's Council. We look forward to working with Barry in a different capacity and wish him all the best in his endeavours."

**The Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons would like to thank Barry Freeze for his significant contributions in helping to make the lives of New Brunswick Residents better.**