

## **Executive Director Report 2014-2015**

Over the past year the staff and volunteers of Hockey Calgary have worked diligently to develop new programs and make changes to existing programs for the greater good of hockey within the city of Calgary. It has been a very busy and successful season, and all member associations should be proud of the accomplishments we have achieved.

Some of the initiative that Hockey Calgary has undertaken are as follows:

### **Future of Minor Hockey Workshop**

- Full Day event in November inviting members to share their viewpoints and wish list regarding the 'Future of Hockey' in Calgary
- First step towards being the ideal LMHA
- Resulted in the formation of sub-committees to investigate
  - Future League Structures
  - House Leagues
  - Midget 15 league within community hockey stream
  - Removal of body checking in bantam & midget within community hockey stream

### **House Leagues**

- Supported Associations in creating a regional 'House League' Program (Springbank, Trails West & Glenlake)
- Targeted families who were not playing the game, offered league with reduced monetary commitment, 1 practice & 1 game per week, no travel or tournaments
- Started with 14 Novice Teams & 9 Atom teams
- Feedback was way above expectations
- Rolling out across city in 2015-16

### **First Shift**

- Partnered with Hockey Canada & Bauer to run the 'First Shift' program
- Hosted and provided ice for 3 separate sessions
- Grow the Game – over 150 new kids to hockey
- Partnered with Kidsport to help further reduce costs

### **Comrie's Sports Equipment Bank**

- Partnered with Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, WHL, Sport Calgary, Calgary Flames Foundation and Kidsport to create a sports equipment bank in the Calgary market
- Providing 'Gently Used' equipment to those in need
- Served over 300 kids YTD in Calgary market

### **Kidz First Development Program**

- Partnered with Kidz First to focus on development of all players in Initiation, Novice & Atom no matter what level they were playing
- Provided 10 pre-planned age specific practice plans for all teams
- Skill development hidden inside 'small area games'
- Off ice programs, ie. specific goalie programs also offered
- Accessible to 'All' coaches in Calgary
- Additional Support for coaches

### **Complete the Game Initiative**

- Lack of ice is huge challenge in Calgary, with many levels having 1 hour or 1:15 to play the games
- Program involved partnership with referees, coaches, managers, timekeepers, players to ensure that time was not wasted and kids were having opportunity to maximize ice time and avoiding a 'drop clock'
- Actions implemented included, reduced warm up, shorter intermissions, focus on not 'chatting' with officials too long, less lengthy goal celebrations, hurry up face offs
- Overall results were good and less games had to be 'drop clocked' in the season

### **Provincials**

- Hockey Calgary and our member associations hosted 6 very successful provincial championships in the March time period
- Atom, Midget 1, Midget AA Minor, Jr. C, Female Bantam A and Female Pee Wee A (which HC stepped up to host, when no host could be found)
- 4 Provincial Champions
  - Midget AA Major – CRAA Royals Blue
  - Midget AA Minor – Trails West Midget 1
  - Bantam AA – CBHA Blackhawks
  - Midget A Female – Midget 1B Chaos

### **Boundary Review**

- Undertook a boundary review for the city
- Worked with associations and made numerous changes to better align the associations

Overall it has been a very active year for Hockey Calgary, and we are proud of the accomplishments that we have made.