

Pat Davis to chair 2015 Special Olympics BC Winter Games

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Special Olympics BC is proud to announce that experienced project and sport leader Pat Davis will serve as the volunteer Chair of the Games Organizing Committee for the 2015 Special Olympics BC Winter Games in Kamloops.

Davis, a Kamloops resident since 2003, has been a member of BCLC's senior leadership team for the past six years. Currently BCLC Director, Program Management Office, Davis is a certified project manager with experience engaging and leading diverse teams. He also has a sport background as a lifelong athlete and coach who has coached both high school and under-19 teams.

"I am a firm believer in the positive benefits of sport, and have been involved in sports my entire life both as an athlete and coach," Davis said. "I am extremely excited to be a part of this event and to have an opportunity to help create lasting memories for the athletes we will be hosting."

"Pat's background in project management will be invaluable as he helps lead the planning for this multifaceted event, and his background in sport gives him a great understanding of all that Special Olympics opportunities mean to our athletes," said Lois McNary, SOBC Vice President, Sport. Davis is currently working with SOBC to establish the rest of the 2015 Games Organizing Committee.

The 2015 SOBC Winter Games, set to be held on February 19 to 21 next year, will feature 600 athletes from around the province going for gold in the seven SOBC winter sports: alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, curling, figure skating, floor hockey, snowshoeing, and speed skating. SOBC athletes province-wide have just finished competing in Regional Qualifiers in these sports in hopes of qualifying for coveted spots in the 2015 Provincial Games. In Kamloops, athletes will compete for the chance to advance to the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, where the participants will seek to qualify for the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.

More than 1,000 volunteers will be needed to make this inspiring experience possible. To get involved, please contact Lois McNary by e-mail at lmcnary@specialolympics.bc.ca or phone toll-free at 1-888-854-2276.

About Special Olympics BC

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