



## Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association Presidents Report – 2023-2024

### Annual Report

It has been a very positive year for the Hawks both on and off the ice. It has been a joy to watch all our teams play and practice this season. It has been great to see so many players improve while enjoying the game. We have also achieved league and banner success in both recreation and competitive hockey and across all age divisions. All of this is recognition of the hard work of the players and all the volunteers who continue to go the extra mile and continue to move us forward.

We are at the end of our 5-year strategy and have achieved nearly all the goals that we set for ourselves back in 2019. These achievements include:

- Professionalizing our delivery through the appointment of a full time Technical Director and Administrative Manager.
- Making Centennial our home increasing branding and our presence there.
- Addressing the cost of hockey through fundraising, gear exchange and the 50:50.

Despite these efforts we have not been successful in increasing the number of players in the association which is a concern, especially as we are faced with a significant registration price increase in the coming season. We will continue to work on this issue and the new to hockey program in the fall should be a positive.

It has been encouraging to see Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada begin to engage in conversation and planning with the associations and it is a positive step that they have listened to our feedback and will be holding on not increasing the requirements for next year for our volunteers.

We have a good year with regards to behaviour both from the players and their parents / guardians. There have been several incidents, but they have been isolated, and we should be proud of how we behave.

We continue to ask a lot of our volunteers and are not able to offer much in way of recognition, but we should note here that it would not be possible to achieve all we have without them going the extra mile. We have had great feedback on so many of them from parents and other associations it shows how we really stand out.

As my term as President comes to an end I would particularly like to offer my thanks to them and all of those who have served on the board. I am excited about the energy that the new board members have and would encourage them to take the opportunity to help make us the association that you want us to be.

Craig Robinson  
President