

Community First, Progress Always

Drew Allwright for Vice President

of the Beaches Community Center

Biography:

Growing up, I cherished my summers at our family cottage on 7th Avenue in Victoria Beach. At 21, I made Victoria Beach my permanent home, establishing a thriving construction business. My family and I are now permanent year-round residents in Sandy Bay. Over the years, I have devoted myself to community service, joining the fire department and expanding my expertise in emergency services, including roles in Search and Rescue and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. I serve as a director for two corporations: my construction company in Victoria Beach and an IT emergency dispatch company supporting 186 fire departments across Manitoba. My commitment extends beyond business as I've spent 19 years volunteering for the Fire Department and Community Centre, contributing numerous personal hours and donations. I also chaired the committee for the youth playground at the community center, a project brought to life through collaboration with the Merry Makers and Community Futures Manitoba, which continues to thrive. The Beaches Community Center has always been a part of my life whether it was curling, a community meeting, a fish fry or a funeral, my wife and I often refer to it as a second home. In more recent years since becoming a father this has never been truer. Tobogganing, skating, craft club or curling the Beaches Community Center is a part of our daily life.

Campaign Platform:

- 1. Community Fitness Center:** Launch a feasible and financially responsible standalone intern fitness center, fully operational by Fall 2024 to meet the immediate needs of the community.
- 2. Strategic Long-term Planning:** Engage a professional agency to guide the board in future-focused, strategic planning.
- 3. Comprehensive Business Plan:** Develop a detailed business plan to secure and guide our community's future.
- 4. Budgets for All Committees:** Mandate that every committee establishes and adheres to a clear operating budget.
- 5. Clear Policies and Procedures:** Introduce a full set of terms of reference, policies, and procedures to streamline operations and improve communication.
- 6. Commitment to Compliance and Change:** My proposed business plan, budgets, and operational guidelines align with the previously ignored requests from Community Futures Manitoba in 2019. It's time for compliance, and it's time for change.

Vision for Unity:

I aspire to serve on a board that thoroughly considers and represents all community interests, ensuring a harmonious and prosperous future for everyone.