



**About Bill Hurtig – Candidate for President, Beaches Community Centre Call: 204
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Bill has been a permanent resident of Victoria Beach for 25 years and since his retirement 12 years ago, has focused on learning more about the community and what he can do to make it the best it can be.

Bill holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. He worked for the federal government for 28 years in progressively senior management positions. He worked for Transport Canada, Western Diversification, Treasury Board of the Province of Manitoba, and Agriculture Canada, retiring as Director of Planning and Coordination.

Bill joined the Beaches Community Centre Board of Directors two years ago, with the stated priority of starting a capital campaign to bring fitness facilities to the VB area. The results of the ensuing capital campaign have been stunning. The team chaired by Bill raised substantial funds from the community and was able to secure two matching government grants.

As a result, the hockey rink has been paved, with 6 pickleball courts and a basketball court. Thanks to a strong volunteer group, the quality of the rink's ice surface in the winter was vastly improved. An interim fitness facility has been established in partnership with the Social Scene, with over \$50,000 of brand new fitness equipment available to the community.

At this stage, Bill is prepared to be fully dedicated to the BCC. He has the time, energy, and skillset to lead a growing, progressive organization, building on the progress that has been achieved over the past 2 years. If elected, Bill and Gary Wingate will lead a strong team of Board members and volunteers.

Priority #1 is to finalize negotiations for an expanded fitness facility within the Social Scene. This facility will serve the community for 5 years. During this time the capital campaign, for an addition to the BCC building housing a permanent fitness facility, will continue.

Priority #2 will be to launch a facilitated planning process, in the fall of 2024, to come up with an updated 5 year plan for the BCC. The population of the catchment area for the community centre has expanded greatly over the past several years, bringing new needs and priorities. The planning process will feature surveys of the membership and public hearings, culminating in a new 5 year plan, to be presented to the general membership at the 2025 AGM.

Bill looks forward to serving the community in the capacity of President of Beaches Community Centre.