



About Gary Wingate – Candidate for Vice President, Beaches Community Centre
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Gary Wingate is a person who is very driven and works tirelessly to get things done. He has owned 2 successful businesses in the community ,one being Traverse Bay Corner from 1992 to 1999 and is the current owner of Blue Water Lawn Services that was started in 2000. Prior to that he spent 15 years as a petroleum regional marketing manager for federated co-op and received the highest award attainable by any employee - the presidents medallion, which only three people in the entire company of 3000 employees are awarded.

Gary is married to Susan who is active in the community as a volunteer for Beaches and the Merrymakers. Gary is very active at both Beaches and the East Beaches Social Scene. They have four sons, 3 who work and live in the surrounding area as well as six grandchildren.

Gary has been an advocate for progress at Beaches Community Centre. Over the last two years, as the Ask Chair for the Fit for the Future Campaign, Gary has played a major role in raising over \$700,000 in donations and government grants. These funds were raised to surface the outdoor skating rink, making ice available to the community in a more timely fashion. The new surface also saw the installation of six Pickleball courts and a basketball court for summertime use. In addition, the funds were targeted to develop a state of the art fitness facility to address the needs of the community. The government grant and private donations have allowed us to secure funding for almost \$80,000 of equipment. \$50,000 of that equipment fund has been used to outfit an interim fitness facility that is now open at the East Beaches Social Scene, with another approximately \$30,000 of equipment available for expansion. Gary will continue to Chair the Ask Committee to raise funds for the eventual addition that will be built at Beaches Community Centre that will be the permanent home of the fitness centre.

Under the leadership of president Randy Thomas and a committed Board, the Centre has seen tremendous growth in membership, facilities and programming. Gary has been a major component of that success. Gary is seeking your support to continue this growth that will best serve our community in the future. COME GROW WITH US.