



Stuart Coates

Lifetime Achievement Award

Many years ago, Stuart Coates moved to Mission to retire. The community has been keeping him very busy ever since. He is being recognized today with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to Youth Soccer.

Stuart has been involved in youth soccer for over 40 years and has been a significant part of Mission Minor Soccer for the past 26 years. He has regularly volunteered as a coach, referee and equipment manager, and has helped out with field and gym bookings, organizing soccer tournaments and field lining. Stuart coached the BC team to Gold in the Nationals and took them to the World Games in Shanghai, China in 2007.

Over the past 22 years, Stuart has also been involved with Mission Special Olympics, and acts as one of their local coordinators whenever time permits. He has taken the Mission teams through several qualifiers, Provincials and to the Nationals in Sudbury, where they won the Gold Medal.

Stuart has been a great mentor, creating sportsmanship among players and coaches. He has devoted much of his life to the game of soccer, volunteering, coaching, and helping athletes to reach their goals.

As Mr. Coates was unable to attend the June 11, 2011 event, his award was presented to him at the July 25, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.