

## Ali Peterson

### Candidate for 2024 MYHA Board



As a dedicated mother of two boys in the Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Association (MYHA), I am excited to announce my candidacy for the MYHA board. With one son entering Squirrels and another in Mites, I understand the unique needs of young athletes and the importance of supporting their development. My two sons are very active in Mahtomedi Youth athletics including football, baseball, lacrosse, and hockey. My background in playing sports as well as managing and assistant coaching teams has given me valuable insights into the workings of youth sports organizations.

Professionally, I bring a wealth of experience in actuarial work, which has honed my skills in managing numbers and financial planning. I am also responsible for leading teams and making decisions alongside other leaders.

Prioritizing the well-being and development of the children in our program is my main goal, and I am dedicated to making decisions that align with this, alongside other board members. I am driven by a desire to find the facts and do what is best for the kids. I am not afraid of difficult conversations or respectful confrontation, when necessary, as I believe these discussions are essential for the growth and progress of the program.

Another key goal is to secure more sustainable local ice time for our association. By investing in our own community, we can reduce drive times for families, provide more reasonable hours of ice, ensure player and family safety, and boost morale and community spirit. Investing in our own community means spending more operating expense dollars right here in Mahtomedi rather than at rinks in outside communities. I have recently taken steps in this direction by helping develop a cost-effective plan to enhance the rinks at the District Education Center for additional MYHA use. My goal is to garner full support of this plan from the City Council, School Board and the MYHA.

Born and raised in Mahtomedi, I understand the importance of community involvement. Aside from watching my boys play hockey, one of my passions is singing in my family band, Redpath, with my two sisters. I believe that my deep roots in the community, coupled with my professional background and dedication to youth sports, make me a strong candidate for the MYHA board.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the MYHA community and contribute to the growth and success of our young athletes.