



**Sport BC Community Sport Hero Award Winner – August 2009: Grant Spelsberg  
Nominated by Action Schools! BC and Premier's Sport Awards Program (p.s.a.p.)**

**Grant Spelsberg** has been an elementary school teacher in Fort St. John for 34 years. He will be retiring in November 2009 and will leave behind an incredible legacy of over three decades of amazing dedication to physical activity, PE and extra-curricular sport in the district. Grant has committed endless hours to coaching and officiating school sports and has been involved in soccer, volleyball, basketball, field hockey, softball, badminton, track and field, and cross country running. A firm believer in the benefits of daily physical activity, Grant is also an Action Schools! Regional Trainer and engages children during the school day through school based initiatives like Action Schools! BC and the Premier's Sport Awards Program (p.s.a.p.).

Grant has been a highly involved community sport volunteer since he and his wife moved to Fort St. John in 1975. He was a founder of various sport organizations in the area, and has served them over the years as a member of the executive committee, official, referee, coach, event organizer, and instructor. These include the Minor League Soccer Association, the Basketball Referees' Association, the Sub Zero Track and Field Club, Sub Zero Running Club, and the local orienteering club.

Other organizations have benefited from Grant's passion for sport and physical activity. He currently holds the position of "Great Spirit" on the Sub Zero Running Club's executive committee, responsible for organizing and hosting races and the club's bi-weekly runs. He has also coached hockey, served as a master bowling instructor, managed an adults' hardball team, and is a level C orienteering official and certified technical coach in basketball, volleyball, track and field, distance running, trampoline, tennis, and badminton.

Grant has also been highly involved in the BC Summer Games and Northern BC Winter Games. At the Summer Games, he has coached basketball twice, and has competed as an athlete in orienteering and cycling. He served as the Regional Director of the Northern BC Winter Games from 1989-1994 and was closely involved with the organization of the event when it was hosted in Fort St John in 1994, 2000 and 2007.

Not only an advocate of physical activity, Grant is an avid participant and enjoys running, orienteering, cycling, and golf. As a tireless volunteer, supporter, and role model of physical activity in the Fort St John area, and for his countless contributions to the lives of many, Grant Spelsberg is a Community Sport Hero.