



ROBERT “BUZZ” BETTS

- Mr. Betts moved to Riverview in 1962 and became involved in the community, starting up several programs that laid the foundation for many of the minor sport associations that exist today.
- Chaired the Coverdale Parks and Recreation Commission in the mid to late 1960s, which oversaw all community events and programming.
- Hired and mentored the Tri-Village’s first Director of Parks and Recreation, Raymond Drake (1965).
- First active President of Riverview Minor Hockey Association (1967-1969 & 1972-1974). Led negotiation efforts with Université de Moncton to move games from outdoor rinks into the J. Louis Lévesque Arena.
- Member of the original organizing committee of the CANUSA Games (1969), an international cultural, social, and athletic exchange with the municipality of Brewer, Maine. Over 25 years, the two communities alternated hosting the games.
- Participated in the CANUSA games as a coach, athlete and performed his original song “Come to the CANUSA Games” on the televised program Stacey’s Country Jamboree.
- Started the first community basketball program for children at Claude D. Taylor Elementary School. He ran this for several years before the Riverview Minor Basketball Association was formed and continued coaching with RMBA for many years.
- Coached the Riverview Junior High School Girls basketball team to back-to-back district championships (1971, 1972).
- Acted as Master of Ceremonies for a variety of community events, including Canada Day and the grand opening of the Byron Dobson Arena (1971).
- Volunteer of the Year with the Riverview Minor Hockey Association (1984) and Riverview Tourist Bureau (2010).
- Honoured by Basketball New Brunswick with the Service Award in Coaching (1995).
- Taught multiple generations of children how to skate over 25 years as the Supervisor of Public Skates at the Byron Dobson Memorial Arena.
- Awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his lifetime volunteer service by Town of Riverview Mayor Andrew J. LeBlanc (2021).
- Volunteered with many other organizations, including with his church, Riverview Minor Baseball, Scouts Canada, and as a writer with the Riverview Recorder.

INDUCTED TO THE RIVERVIEW SPORTS WALL OF FAME 2024.

