



# Drayton Valley Thunder

Thunder Staff  
2008-2009



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## Kyle Adams - General Manager and Head Coach



Kyle Adams joined the Thunder at the start of this season after being assistant coach last season with the North York Rangers of the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League. He was Assistant Coach for Jeff Battah until Jeff moved. Coach Jeff Battah has moved to BC to become an assistant coach with the WHL's Prince George Cougars. Kyle Adams has assumed the role of general manager and head coach.

Kyle also served as a Head Coach at the Midget "AAA" level in the GTHL for four seasons prior to joining North York.

During his playing career Kyle played two seasons of minor professional hockey as well as playing CIS hockey at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo Ontario.

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## Alex Thymaras - Assistant Coach



Past Thunder Alumni Alex Thymaras has joined the Thunder as Assistant Coach for the remainder of the 2008/2009 Season. Born in Calgary, Alex brings with him extensive hockey experience. He played for the Thunder in the 2002-2003 seasons and carried on to play limited pro hockey in Rio Grande and Amerillo Texas. Alex was part of the National Greek bobsled team in 2006 and has been referring out of Calgary for the past two year with CZNC.



### **Yves Lavoie - Head Trainer and Equipment Manager**

Yves comes to Drayton Valley after spending the past season with the Grande Prairie Storm Bantam "AAA". Prior to last season Yves was an Athletic Trainer with the Augustana Vikings for two seasons. Yves is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a B.A. in Physical Education as well as obtaining a Diploma in Personal Fitness Training from NAIT.



### **Wilf Titanic - Assistant Trainer and Equipment Manager**



This is the first Season that Wilf has worked with the Thunder in assisting Yves as assistant Trainer and assistant equipment Manager. Wilf has been raised in the Drayton Valley area and is currently attending high school along with his current position with the Thunder.

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### **Kelly Waltz - Marketing Manager and Community Relations**



Kelly joined the Thunder in February as the new Marketing Manager. Kelly comes from Vermilion, Alberta where he grew up on a farm and played hockey along with many other sports his whole life. He then went on to take Business Marketing at Lakeland College in Vermilion. Kelly has brought with him many new ideas for the team as well as lots of hockey knowledge and a love for the game.

Team Chiropractor: Dr. Tim LaForest	Team Dentist: Dr. John Zeljeznak	Team Pastor: Cory Williams
Merchandise Manager and Thunder Historian: Paula Maciborsky 	Thunder Web Manager and Photographer: Kathy Matlock 	

## Former Staff of 2008-2009

Head Coach/ General Manager- August 2008-December2008

### Jeff Battah- Head Coach/ General Manager

Jeff enters his first season as Head Coach and General Manager in Drayton Valley after spending the previous four seasons as an assistant coach with the Lethbridge Hurricanes in the WHL, where they were WHL Finalists in 2007-08.

In the summer of 2005 Jeff won a Gold Medal as a member of the coaching staff with Team Canada's U-18 Junior World Cup National Team in Breclav, Czech Republic.

Prior to joining Lethbridge, Jeff was an assistant coach in the Ontario Provincial Junior "A" League for three seasons coaching in Brampton and Milton. While coaching in Milton they finished the 2002-03 season with a record of 41-6-2 (6<sup>th</sup> in Canada) while winning the Western Conference Regular Season and in the playoffs finishing as Western Conference Finalists. In 2002 Jeff was an assistant coach with the Brampton Capitals, winning the Ontario Provincial Junior "A" League Championship.



## Larry Moberg-Assistant Coach August 2008-December2008



Larry is in his fifth season as assistant coach. During his first four seasons, Larry developed into a knowledgeable coach who brings the player's and teacher's perspective to the staff. Larry was responsible for coaching the goaltenders, player development, off-ice training and education.

Larry's playing experience; both at the Junior and University levels have been beneficial for the players. After completing his junior career, Larry obtained a scholarship to the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and then played professionally in the East Coast Hockey League.

Larry is also a high school teacher in Drayton Valley, where he runs a Hockey Canada Skills Academy. He lives with his wife Pam and their two children, Kael and Ella.

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Marketing Manager and Community Relations- April 2008-November2008  
Jacquelyn McQueen- on maternity leave.



Marketing Manager and Community Relations- November2008-February2008  
Sheri Rasmussen-on maternity leave

