



Drayton Valley Thunder

Staff 2019-2010



Fran Gow - General Manager and Head Coach



Fran was working for the Fort McMurray Oil Barons as Director of Player Personnel, as well as Owner and Facilitator of Coachockeyplus.com. This program helps in coach development in the Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray Minor Hockey Associations.

Gow is a proven winner in the AJHL, having coached both the Fort McMurray Oil Barons and the Grande Prairie Storm. While coaching the Oil Barons, Fran compiled a record of 248-142-28. In the process he took the MOB to four League Finals, winning two of those. Fran's

time with the Storm saw him rack up a record of 270-134-32. Twice in his tenure he took the Storm to League Finals, winning it all in 2004. Fran has also coached in four AJHL All Star Games and one AJHL Prospects Game. Drayton Valley Thunder has appointed Fran Gow as Head Coach and General Manager as of June 1, 2009.

Fran also coached in the 1996 Viking Cup, 2001 Pioneer Cup, 2002 and 2007 AB U17 North Camp, as well as the last four years at the Alberta Cup as a Mentor Coach.

Mike Mueller - Associate Coach/Assistant General Manager



The Drayton Valley Thunder is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Mueller to the position of Assistant Coach.

Mike has played in the past for the Notre Dame Hounds in Saskatchewan. He eventually graduated to the ranks of the MJHL as well as the SJHL.

Mike most recently has been coaching the Grande Prairie Golden Arrow Storm Bantam AAA of the AMBHL. Mike is also heavily involved in Hockey Alberta with regards to the Alberta Cup held annually throughout the province. Mike also holds his advanced I Certification in coaching.

The Thunder would like to welcome Mike to Drayton Valley and look forward to Mike being an integral part of the Thunder organization for years to come.

Bram Stephen - Assistant Coach



The Drayton Valley Thunder has completed their coaching staff by adding Bram Stephen. Bram comes to us from Edmonton where he is currently working as an on-ice instructor at Mount Carmel Hockey Academy. Last season Bram was the Head Coach of the CAC Lehigh Inland Cement Bantam AAA program in Edmonton, a program in which he played for from 1999-2004. Like Fran and Mike, Bram is also involved heavily with the Alberta Cup program. Last year he was the Head coach of the Northeast Flyers.

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Candace Barnacal - Head Trainer/ Athletic Therapist



The Thunder are also very pleased to announce Candace Barnacal as the Head Trainer/Athletic Therapist for the 2009/2010 Season. Candace recently graduated from the Advanced Certificate in Athletic Therapy at Mount Royal College. Candace has worked in the past with the Fort William Junior 'A' North Stars in Thunder Bay, Ontario, as well as the Minor Midget AAA Rangers in Calgary. She has also been involved with Hockey Alberta as a trainer in 2008 and 2009 at the Alberta Cup. The Thunder would like to welcome Candace to the town of Drayton Valley, as well as to the Thunder family

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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

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