

## 2017 National Judge



### Larry Hall

Retired Educator

Buena Vista, SK

Larry was born and raised in Saskatchewan and intends to remain in the province that he loves. After high school graduation he completed his B Ed. and a post graduate diploma in educational administration from the University of Regina. In 1999 he retired from working in the education field. As an elementary school science teacher he had students studying tree types and care, planting mustard seeds that had been in space and selling bedding plants in the spring to help fund their outdoor schools.

Throughout his career in education he was then as he is now committed to volunteer work. While teaching he became a volunteer speed skating coach for the Regina speed skating club and that grew into becoming the provincial coach which allowed him to work with a number of skaters who became Olympians. This also allowed him the opportunity to coach in China on two separate occasions once in 1986 and a return invitation in 1988. Both of these experiences were in the Jilin province of China which is the twin province of Saskatchewan. It was a great pleasure to have been selected to provide the coaching knowledge to their skaters and coaches but also a privilege to having been a representative of his province.

Presently Larry is the president of the Last Mountain Lake Culture Centre. This is a 5000 square foot building housing two galleries, the municipal library, and artist studios. The facility has three part time employees and also offers many art related classes and concerts. He is also the treasurer for the local United Church and has coached girls' volleyball teams for the last 10 years. He believes this makes our community a better place to live and finds that fulfilling. Those are present activities but after retirement he was the mayor of his village. During his 9 years in this role the village became involved in the communities in bloom program. This introduction to the CiB program convinced him that every community can benefit by being involved in the communities in bloom program. It was this that motivated Larry and his wife to become provincial judges which they have been for the last 6 years. As mayor he recognized the significant role a council has to play in allowing the program have its greatest impact.

Larry looks forward to discussing issues from a municipal and CIB committee point of view.