

Richard Letourneau

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Prior to his retirement in 2005, Richard worked in the post-secondary environment for 25 years, including 19 years at Bow Valley College and 6 years at SAIT Polytechnic, in Calgary. During that time he held progressively responsible positions: Research Officer and Coordinator, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs; Coordinator, Adult Basic Literacy; Coordinator, Services to Students with Disabilities; Director, Special Projects; Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors; and Executive Advisor, External Relations, which included the departments of Alumni Relations, Fund Development, Government Relations, and Marketing and Communications.

While at Bow Valley College Richard coordinated, researched and produced an institution-wide internal effectiveness audit. The President appointed him as the staff liaison, to work directly with KPMG consultants, as well as with departmental representatives from each division within the college. With a proven track record of planning and meeting deadlines, Richard used his strong organizational and administrative competence to be both resourceful and results oriented, completing the project on time and under budget. Richard also organized the creation of a three-year institutional development plan and researched, collated and formatted a Policy, Guidelines and Procedures manual.

Richard has presented locally and nationally to the Commission on Adult Basic Literacy, Canadian Translators and Interpreters Council, International Reading Association, Canadian Coordinating Council on Deafness, and Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

He has served as Chair for the following organizations: XII World Winter Games for the Deaf; Alberta Association for Adult Literacy Provincial Conference; World Literacy Day – Calgary; Alberta Provincial Employees' United Way Campaign; Calgary Committee for Adult Basic Education; and the Bow Valley College Faculty Association. While in Calgary, he served as Condo Board (Strata Council) President, and sat on the Board of the Churchill Park Child Development Centre. He is also a founder and Past President of local and provincial (Alberta) interpreter's associations as well as a founder and Past President of the Association of Canadian Association of Sign Language Interpreters and served as a board member for 9 years. He is former Board Chair of the Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre and currently sits as Secretary for Parklane Strata Council, in Victoria.

Richard has many years of volunteer experience, including (in Calgary) the 1988 Winter Olympics, the 1991 World Winter Games for the Deaf, 1997 World Police Fire Games and (in Victoria) the 2013 World Men's Curling Championships, the webmaster for Victoria Camera Club as well as External Competitions Vice Chair. This year he served as one of the official photographers for the 55+BC Games.

He has a strong belief in life-long education and in the value of giving back to one's community.