



Organizational Announcement

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It gives me great pleasure to announce that Skate Ontario has completed the hiring process for two key management positions for the amalgamated organization.

Scott Rachuk - Director of Sport Operations

Scott needs no introduction to anyone in Skating. He has a strong background as a high performance coach, owner of a high performance skating school, sport business owner and volunteer. Most recently as the Technical Director of Skate Ontario, he has led the development and implementation of high performance development programs, camps and activities across Ontario as well as leading all aspects of key provincial partnership programs. He has become a highly respected leader not only within Skating but across other sports as he has acted on our behalf with government agencies and other multi-sport groups.

One of the most exciting opportunities that this provincial amalgamation affords us is the chance to develop a unified, visionary sport team leading the development of our skating programs for the province. We are thrilled that Scott will be the leader of this team. Scott officially assumes his new role on January 23, 2017.

Derek Ventnor - Director of Finance and Business Operations

Derek joins us from the sport of Rowing. His education and early professional experience were in finance, and he started on the Board of Directors of RowOntario as their Treasurer before assuming the role of Executive Director 10 years ago. He has an unparalleled track record of innovative program development and capitalizing on provincial funding opportunities including raising Rowing's ranking during the last Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport base funding application process into the top three organizations in the province. He was also responsible for the development of financial management policies and procedures for the Association including a comprehensive budgeting process, internal controls, reporting systems and restricted fund accounting processes for unique program partnerships. Derek's organizational ability, vision and commitment to excellence will be a great asset to the Skate Ontario team. Derek assumes his new role on February 6, 2017.

We are extremely lucky to have two such strong and experienced leaders join our new team. With their appointments we will continue the work of further defining the rest of the new organizational structure over the upcoming weeks and months. Please join me in welcoming Scott and Derek to the new Skate Ontario team.

Best Regards,
Lisa Alexander
Executive Director, Skate Ontario