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## **Mackenzie Games President Receives Provincial Recognition**

The BC Games Society is pleased to announce that Raye McMeeken of Mackenzie, BC is this year's recipient of a Sport BC Presidents' Award for outstanding volunteer commitment and dedication to sport. McMeeken was recognized on behalf of her work with the BC Games Society at the annual Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Raye McMeeken is a committed and inspired community leader. This past year she served as the President of the Mackenzie 2009 Northern BC Winter Games leading a team of over 600 volunteers to plan and stage the Games. The community of Mackenzie suffered unprecedented economic strife in 2008 with the closure of every forestry employer. Through it all, McMeeken had an unwavering belief in her community that inspired everyone to pull together to put on a remarkable Northern BC Winter Games. Over 600 participants from across Northern BC congregated in Mackenzie in February for four days of competition and celebration of sport.

Kelly Mann, President and CEO of the BC Games Society said, "Raye's resolve to see the Northern BC Winter Games through to their successful completion is a testament to her 'can do' attitude and infectious leadership. The Games provided a positive rallying point for the community and showed the resolve and commitment of true leaders like Raye McMeeken. The BC Games Society is honoured to have the opportunity to recognize Raye for her volunteerism and dedication to the BC Games and the community of Mackenzie."

The Sport BC Presidents' Awards promote and celebrate the spirit of volunteerism by giving provincial sport organizations an opportunity to acknowledge and thank an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to their sport. This provincial recognition is one of the highest honours held for volunteers in all areas of sport.

For a complete list of the Presidents' Award recipients please visit [www.sport.bc.ca](http://www.sport.bc.ca).

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