

How I feel about Hockey West Island. Candidate for President, Michael Nyisztor

At its core, Hockey West Island is about people. It's about the friendships formed in cold rinks, the lessons learned on and off the ice, and the deep sense of community that keeps bringing us back, season after season.

This is a place where hundreds of volunteers come together—not just for the love of hockey, but to give kids the chance to grow through it. Whether they're learning to skate, scoring their first goal, or just laughing with teammates, we're here to help them fall in love with the game, just like we did.

Our tournament reflects that spirit—organized by people who truly care, who believe in fair play, and who know that while winning is fun, it should never come at the cost of integrity or inclusion.

We also take pride in making hockey accessible to everyone. From supporting Lac St. Louis programs to being part of the First Shift program, we're committed to creating opportunities for every child to experience the joy of the game, in whatever way works for them.

I grew up playing in Hockey West Island, and some of my closest friendships today started in those locker rooms and on those benches. That sense of belonging, of being part of something bigger, never left me.

That's why I'm putting my name forward for President. I care deeply about this organization and the role it plays in our community. I want to help carry its legacy forward, ensuring it continues to be a place where kids thrive, families connect, and the love of hockey lives on.

With experience on the board of a non-profit daycare—where I eventually served as President—and having led the Pointe-Claire Intermediate Hockey League and its annual charity tournament, I understand what it means to lead with heart, purpose, and community in mind.

Hockey West Island gave me so much. I'd be honored to give back.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Nyisztor