



BC Athletics Board of Directors

October 29, 2025 Election

Nominee: Julie-Anne Sillars (Incumbent)

Region: Langley

Please outline any professional experience that you feel would be relevant to a position on BC Athletics Board of Directors:

Outside of athletics, my husband Kent and I own Vesta Properties Ltd, a Langley, BC-based company that has played a significant role in real estate development and construction across British Columbia and Alberta since 1989. Vesta has consistently upheld a strong commitment to giving back to the communities where it operates. In particular, the company actively supports - and has previously funded - various Athletics programs throughout British Columbia and Canada. (see below).

1) Andre De Grasse Future Champions Scholarship Program supporting High School athletes across Canada.

<https://athletics.ca/blog/2025/08/14/vesta-properties-continues-investment-in-andre-de-grasse-future-champions-scholarship-program/>

2) For the 2023 Bell Canadian Track & Field Championships (in Langley, BC), Vesta Properties was the Presenting Sponsor, and they provided a \$25,000 prize purse to reward top athlete performances.

<https://athletics.ca/blog/2023/08/16/athletes-rewarded-for-top-performances-at-the-2023-canadian-track-amp-field-Championships/>

3) Provided private support to BC athlete Camryn Rogers before the 2023 World Championships to assist with coaching expenses and related costs.

4) The Longest Day Race – Vesta Properties has been the Presenting Sponsor of the Longest Day Road Race for the past two years.

<https://findarace.com/ca/events/vesta-properties-longest-day-road-race/>

5) BC Summer Games – Vesta sponsored officials' apparel and athlete singlets for the 2014 and 2018 BC Summer Games and was also a "Friends of the Games" sponsor in 2010 Langley.

Please outline any personal experience that you feel would be relevant to a position on the BC Athletics Board of Directors:

I have a solid background in athletics, having served as the Zone 3 Representative for the 2014 and 2018 BC Summer Games and as the medal coordinator for the 2012 BC Summer Games. Currently, I am an active member of the Vancouver Thunderbirds Board of Directors and volunteer as a track coach at Pacific Academy in Surrey, BC.

Additionally, I was a key member of the Langley Local Organizing Committee for the 2022/2023 Bell Canadian Track & Field Championships. The committee received the 2023 BC Athletics Outstanding Community Service Award in recognition of their significant contributions to the sport during the year.

Please provide a brief statement (max 250 words) outlining why you are interested in serving on the BC Athletics Board of Directors:

Over the past two years as a director at BC Athletics, I have actively contributed my business and marketing expertise to assist the board with long-term planning. Drawing on my understanding of current economic trends, I have been exploring various alternative funding opportunities for the organization. Additionally, I have focused on improving communication between members, the Board, and staff by helping to streamline the website, making information more accessible to members.

How do your values and experiences reflect and support BC Athletics' vision and values of integrity, connection, accessibility, respect and excellence across all levels of the sport?

By inserting myself into grass roots programs at various levels of Athletics both as a coach, zone representative, HS Provincial zone rep, and National level Corporate Sponsor. I believe my actions speak for themselves as to my strong dedication to nurturing young athletic talent in our Athletics community both Provincially and Nationally.

Safe Sport is a growing priority across amateur sport. From a governance perspective, how do you think BC Athletics can continue to strengthen policies and practices that ensure a sport environment that is safe, accessible, and inclusive for all participants?

We have started the process by bringing our constitution and bylaws up to compliance with current laws, a large part of the BOD job moving forwards will be to work together with all of our members to ensure that their policies and practices are also creating a positive and safe environment for all their athletes, coaches, and officials within their clubs.

If elected to the Board of Directors, what do you see as the most significant contribution you can make to the organization?

If I am re-elected to the board of directors. I would like to focus on establishing a stronger foundation to support BCA through the next four years of economic challenges and to explore alternative sources of revenue beyond government funding to contribute to various programs within our association.