



Sherwood Park District Soccer Association

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The Sherwood Park District Soccer Association (SPDSA) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Martin Dugas as Executive Director, beginning February 28, 2022. "The Board is incredibly excited to welcome Martin to our organization," said Dave Friesen, SPDSA Board Chair. "It's an amazing time for soccer in this country, and the experience he brings, both on and off the pitch, along with his innovative ideas and community building history will be a very welcome addition to our association."

Martin joins the SPDSA during a time of great opportunity within the organization. With a new state-of-the-art training facility launched, and the return to normal activities in the community, the SPDSA is eager to continue to grow the "beautiful game" in Sherwood Park, in partnership with Martin and the community. "As a new member the SPDSA team, I can't wait to meet and get to know the players, parents, coaches, referees and volunteers!" said Martin. "Soccer has the ability to impact lives and strengthen communities in so many positive ways, and I look forward to seeing what we can build together."

Martin has an extensive soccer resume, spanning North America and Europe, as both a player and a coach. His soccer career began in Ontario and includes playing varsity with McMaster University and semi-professionally with St. Catharines Roma Wolves. In addition, he has played professionally in the Netherlands, England, Germany, U.S. and Canada, though he may be most memorable in these parts for his time with the Edmonton Drillers and the Edmonton Aviators. In many of his stops, he was also an instructor, director, or coach, including his year as the Head Coach of the Edmonton Drillers in 2008-2009.

As impressive as his playing and coaching career is, many of Martin's most remarkable achievements have come away from the pitch. Martin has been the CEO of several noteworthy non-profit organizations throughout Alberta, including the Ronald McDonald House Charities, Riverwatch Institute of Alberta, Wellspring Edmonton, as well as VP Operations of Goodwill Industries of Alberta. He has an impressive history of awards and making a significant impact everywhere he has been, though one thing that stands out no matter where he goes is his ability to bring communities together.

Yours truly,

David Friesen, President

Building an inclusive soccer community while developing tomorrow's leaders.