

Restigouche Comets Speedskating Club

2024-2025 annual report

President's message

As we wrap up another exciting season with the Restigouche Comets Speedskating Club, I'm proud to reflect on the incredible progress, dedication and spirit shown by our athletes, coaches, volunteers and families. This year brought strong performances at regional, national and international competitions along with continued growth in our membership.

Our young competitive skaters showed great passion and determination on the ice and we are especially proud of those who represented our club at higher levels – demonstrating the talent and commitment that thrives right here in our small community.

Looking ahead, we're excited to build on this momentum. With a growing base of enthusiastic skaters and a dedicated coaching team, I am happy to say that the future of our club looks bright.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful season.

Mélanie Wood

President, Restigouche Comets Speedskating Club

Highlights of the year

Major achievements

After a two-year absence from competition, our young group of Intro to Speedskating skaters participated in a regional meet in Mont-Joli, QC at the end of the season. These three skaters enjoyed their experience and are looking forward to competing in more events next season.

Notable events

Courtney Charlong broke both the 500m and 1500m New Brunswick records, previously held by Olympian Courtney Sarault. Charlong also represented Canada in international competitions in Italy and Quebec for the Junior World Cups and in Calgary for the World Junior Championships—where she placed 6th in both the 1500m and 500m events.

Special recognitions

Charlong's strong national performances re-confirmed her spot as a Next Gen athlete for the 2025–2026 season.

Membership overview

Our membership numbers increased this season in both the Learn to Skate and Introduction to Speedskating programs. We have a strong coaching foundation and will continue working hard to promote our club and programs.

- Learn to Skate
 - October to December: 22 skaters
 - January to March: 17 skaters
- Intro to Speedskating
 - October to March: 7 skaters
 - One new skater joined in January

Financial summary

We had a stable financial year with minimal expenses, primarily for ice rental at the Civic Centre. No fundraising activities or grants/subsidies were received this season.

Looking ahead

Equipment needs

Next season, we plan to purchase new equipment for the Learn to skate program such as balls and buckets and new boots and blades for the speedskating programs to support long-term athlete development.

Upcoming events

We're excited that our young skaters are eager to compete next season. We plan to attend one Quebec regional competition and one New Brunswick meet with our developing athletes.

We will also continue to cheer on our Comet alumni Courtney Charlong as she strives for improvement in her national junior ranking.