**BIO – DR. DEREK DE GANNES**

Originally from the Caribbean (Trinidad & Tobago), Dr. De Gannes immigrated to Canada with his family in 2010, first to Ontario, and then to Alberta in 2012. He and his family have been involved in sport for several years, in sports such as Soccer, Gymnastics, Triathlon, Karate, and track and field.

Dr. De Gannes has been actively involved with all of the aforementioned sports on several fronts – as a Parent first and foremost, as a volunteer, as an active board member, and a board President.

Dr. De Gannes was the President of the board of directors for a not-for-profit Gymnastics Club in Edmonton, up until 2023. He is a past board member for a major triathlon club in Edmonton and is currently the recording secretary for the board of directors of Gymnastics Canada.

Dr. De Gannes is passionate about youth, sport, physical literacy and inclusion. He has several years experience in board Governance, Ethics, business, and finance. He has a PhD in Computer Science, consults for Governments across the region and internationally, and has five (5) kids with his wife, of which the last three (3) are currently active at the elite/national level in their respective sport.