

# Olympian on committee

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A former Olympian will head the Comox Valley's Olympic committee.

Susan Kelsey was known as Sue Sloan when she won a bronze medal for swimming in the 4 x 100m medley relay at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. She also trained for the 1980 Olympics to be held in Moscow, but Canada boycotted the Summer Games that year.

Kelsey, a lawyer, has settled in the Comox Valley and stays at home with her two sons, 11 and 13 years old, respectively. She is active at both her sons' schools (Robb Road and Aspen Park) and also sits on the St. Joseph's Hospital Board and the Hospital Foundation Board.



**SUSAN KELSEY**

"The Olympics are very dear to me... and I know the importance of having the communities working together," she said.

Comox Valley MLA and Minister of Sustainable Resource Management Stan Hagen asked Kelsey to chair the committee. It will be a volunteer position.

"Most of the communities

around B.C. are forming these committees," Kelsey said. "We want to ensure that the Comox Valley takes advantage of the opportunities that are and will be available to us as a result of the 2010 Olympics."

Kelsey expects to name the rest of the committee members in the next two weeks. She declined to say how many members would make up the committee or who those members would represent.

"We have a lot of different interest groups in the Valley and it's just to make sure we're all on the same page," she explained.