

## **NICK PAULET - BUILDER**

Nick became involved in the running community in 2000 when he decided he wanted to complete the Ironman Canada Triathlon. As part of this effort, he started a local group of similar minded participants and the team was called Iron-Cops. The team consisted of both Police members and members of the community. Along the way, Nick led his team to start their own Triathlon club, Tri Factor, which welcomed those who focused more on comradery, while encouraging all to achieve their respective goals.

In 2004, Nick and his wife Leslie, with the help of a team of dedicated volunteers, started the Winnipeg Police Half Marathon. What started as a one-off fundraiser with meager expectations grew to be one of Manitoba's corner stone events. With millions of dollars raised, annual sell-outs, robust volunteer turn-out and a runner centric focus, this event changed the landscape of what runners would come to expect from our local events and in turn, pushing all events to present events reflective of runners needs. He is proud that this event is built on a large team that have remained loyal over the years and that they are able to welcome participants of all calibers. 'No one gets left on the course', is a mantra shared on race day. And on race day, you will find Nick, his family and most of his team there to welcome every single finisher.

Nick has completed 9 Ironman Triathlons and dozens of marathons including Boston, New York, Minneapolis, and Manitoba. One of his proudest accomplishments as it pertains to the MRA is being a trusted mentor to many other volunteers and race directors; having influenced almost a dozen of our Province's running events. A lasting memory for Nick will be finishing the Ironman with his wife in 2004, only 22 weeks after their first son Tyler, was born. Nick owes the source of his passion and dedication to his wife, and wanting to set a strong example of community dedication and leadership for his children, Tyler and Troy.