

## **Brian Rimpilainen**

**Director (New Brunswick), Autism Society Canada**



Brian is a serving member of the Canadian Forces. In 2001, after returning home from an overseas mission, his oldest of two sons was diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Brian first became involved with Autism Society New Brunswick and then joined ASC in September 2007 as the provincial representative on the Board of Directors. He readily gives input to Committee and Board initiatives to support ASC's ongoing

efforts towards autism awareness and advocacy.

Brian is a tireless advocate for a National Autism Strategy. He attended the debate of Private Member's Motion M-172, which passed in the House of Commons December 5, 2006.

Brian also organized a military team to support the Oromocto – Fredericton leg of Jonathan Howard's cross-Canada "Run the Dream" for ASD awareness in June 2008.

As is evident in over 18 years of service to Canada, Brian's dedication never wavers – he is a strong and effective leader in the autism community, provincially and nationally.