



SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Today, our speaker is the author of *Teams that Swear (by each other and not about each other)*. He is a globally respected speaker, helping organisations leverage their best asset - their people.

It's somewhat ironic that the person who will talk to us today about the power of many is actually acting alone. However, I am sure you'll agree that his impact is that of many.

Adrian Baillargeon was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, perhaps the world's funnest place to say out loud. It's a small place in the middle of Canada that features some big personalities, such as Joni Mitchell and Gordie Howe (who was the Wayne Gretzky of ice hockey before Wayne Gretzky came along). However, funny enough, the Sasquatch did not come from Saskatoon.

Performing in front of crowds has been part of Adrian's life since quite young, from the time he had to wear brown tights in his kindergarten Christmas pageant to performing and speaking at the opening ceremonies in the Canada Summer Games and coaching sports in front of crowds of up to 5000 spectators.

He has worked across Canada and Australia in marketing, sales, people, risk, and joint venture management with Exxon Mobil Canada, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, HBA and Bupa. He has been involved with mergers, downsizing, expansion and has been the recipient of national and global organisation awards.

He has recently spoken to organisations from Texas, Toronto, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. He loves helping organisations re-learn, rethink and realise their performance do together better. And obviously, he is keen to help teams swear more by each other and not about each other.

He has promised to keep today's talk PG-rated, so please welcome, Adrian Baillargeon!