



Eric Ouellette remembers how fun it was building snow forts and tunnels in the winter as a kid. When he started having his own, he decided to build one with the family.

The igloo is an impressive structure. It is strong and very well insulated. You can survive a night out in extremely cold temperatures.”

In 2007 he started the first-ever igloo building competition in Grand Falls, NB. Ten teams signed up and by year two of the competition, he decided to build the biggest igloo in the world. “We broke the record held by Quebec,” he says, “but then in 2010 the US built a larger igloo, so in 2011 we got the record back by building an igloo over 30 feet in diameter. Enough space to hold over 300 people!” So what started as a family hobby made his hometown the Official Guinness World Record Holder for the largest igloo ever built out of ice. The competition lasted 3 years and his world record still stands. Through the competition Eric and the other participants managed to raise more than \$20,000 for student scholarships, Habitat for Humanity and the local food bank.



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