

Price retires from rowing ? Two-time Olympic medallist coxswain settles in Orangeville

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Two-time Olympic medallist Brian Price has officially announced his retirement from rowing and is settling down in Orangeville. Price competed with the men's eight for three Olympic games, winning gold in 2008 and silver in 2012.

On national team from 2001 to 2012, he worked with a variety of the world's best rowers to win World Championships in 2002, 2003, and 2007.

At five feet four inches and 120 pounds, Price had the perfect stature to be the coxswain in a men's eights.

Diagnosed at age seven with cancer, Price went through successful chemotherapy, but the treatment reduced his ability to grow afterward.

"Brian was hands-down the best coxswain in the world during the years that I had the privilege of rowing with him," said Kyle Hamilton, captain of the 2008 gold-medal crew. "Brian worked tirelessly at his craft, and the men that he led respected him for it. In short, we didn't just win with Brian, we won because of Brian."

During his career, the team dominated the sport internationally in the two years leading up to the games in Athens in 2004, but the Canadian eight finished a disappointing fifth.

Four years later in Beijing, Team Canada won gold.

They added another medal to the tally with a silver in London with a team consisting of six Olympic rookies.

Now that he is retiring from the sport, Price lives in Orangeville with his family, including his wife and two young daughters.

Price is in the middle of a book project and speaks publicly about his Olympic experience.