



RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday January 15, 2019

The Municipality of East Ferris Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee met at the East Ferris Community Centre on Tuesday January 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Terry Kelly, Gerald Brochu, Lydia Weiskopf-Tran, Ronald Roy, Bill Ramore and Ray Marshall

Absent: Robert Effinger

Also Present: Sharon Kitlar, Manager of Recreation and Facilities and Jenna Cowden, Administrative Assistant

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2019-1

Lydia Weiskopf-Tran – Bill Ramore: THAT the draft agenda presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee and dated the 15th day of January 2019 be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution 2019-2

Bill Ramore – Gerald Brochu: THAT the minutes of the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee and dated the 24th day of October 2018 be hereby accepted.

Carried

CHAIRS MESSAGE

Chairperson Terry Kelly welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year. As the new appointed Chairperson, Terry shared that he was glad to be back on the Recreation, Parks & Culture Committee. He mentioned he was Vice Chair in the past, and he is pleased to return!

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sports Wall of Fame

Manager of Recreation and Facilities Sharon Kitlar provided the committee with the Draft Sports Awards and Recognition Policy that had been updated to include all suggestions and comments from the Committee from the previous meeting.

The committee addressed any changes made, and the discussion resulted in the following resolution:

Resolution 2019-3

Lydia Weiskopf-Tran – Gerald Brochu: THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee support the proposed Sports Recognition Awards Policy and that the Policy document be sent to Council for consideration and approval.

Carried

At this year's Winter Carnival, upon Council's approval, the first nominees will be inducted into the East Ferris Sports Hall of Fame and presented with their award. Once the wall is installed, the plaques recognizing the inductees will be mounted on the wall. The Policy process will be announced at this time, advising the public of the nomination process and where to find information.

At a recent meeting with a representative of *See More Graphics* regarding the design and installation of the Sports Wall of Fame it was determined that the Wall could not be designed and installed in time for the Carnival.

The cost for the wall is to be covered by the donation made by the North Himsworth Athletic Association. The total donation was \$41,000 which was to go in majority towards the purchase of a new ice re-surfacer for the arena and also the creation of a sport recognition wall display.

The discussion resulted in the following resolution:

Resolution 2019-4

Gerald Brochu: – Bill Ramore: THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends to Council for approval to proceed with the design and installation of the Sport Hall of Fame and Recognition Wall in the Rene Boudreau Hall at the East Ferris Community Centre with an upset limit not to exceed \$5,000.00;

AND FURTHER that *See More Graphics* be the contractor of choice for this project in order to keep the same look and feel as the Volunteer Recognition Wall designed in the lobby of the Community Centre previously installed in 2018;

AND FURTHER that the timeline for the installation be established with *See More Graphics* based on the final design once approved.

Carried

EFCC Room Naming

The unveiling of the East Ferris Community Centre family room naming process will take place at the official opening of the Winter Carnival, on Friday February 15th, 2019.

With 16 Families being recognized, each family will get a chance to select one of these rooms by random draw. The committee brainstormed creative ideas on how the "random draw" will be organized.

The Committee wished to ensure that no family name was missed. Gerald Brochu was going to speak with historic Carnival organizers to determine if anyone was missing. If anyone was missed they would be added to the list.

All committee members liked the idea of a "double random" draw – where each family would take turns picking a number out of a hat. This number will determine their order in picking their room. From there, each family will select a sealed envelope which will reveal which room they have chosen.

See More Graphics has been provided with the information and will be preparing the design for the signs for each room.

It was suggested that the "Rene Boudreau Hall" sign be re-done to match the look and feel of the new signs.

DELEGATIONS

None for this session.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

None for this session.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Welcome and Introduction of Members

Members of the Committee were introduced.

b. Committee Binders

New committee members were presented with their committee binders. The binder is divided into sections, which include; Committee Contact List, Terms of Reference, Minutes, Resolutions and additional information.

All committee members were asked to bring the binder to every meeting, so that they could refer to any information from previous meetings and also file all new correspondence.

c. Review Terms of Reference

An updated Terms of Reference was given to the Committee. The mandate states that the Committee acts as an advisory body to the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris, on matters pertaining to recreation, parks and culture services and programs. The Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee focuses on initiatives aimed at making East Ferris a strong community to live and play in.

Committee members were asked to contact Councilor Terry Kelly or Sharon Kitlar, Manager of Recreation and Facilities, should they have questions.

d. Committee Meetings

Discussion took place to establish a preference on meeting dates and times going forward.

The Committee agreed that Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. seems to be the most preferred. Therefore, it was agreed that going forward the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee will meet on the first Tuesday of each month (excluding July & August) at 6:00pm, unless otherwise deemed necessary. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

e. Sports Hall of Fame Nominees – Review & Resolution

Two nominees were presented to the Committee to be recognized for the Sports Hall of Fame; Greg Rochefort and Julie Jones for their sport achievements in Figure Skating.

The committee reviewed each nomination form and the following resolutions were made:

Resolution 2019-5

Ronald Roy – Bill Ramore: THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee support the purposed nomination for Greg Rochefort for the Sports Hall of Fame and that the recommendation be sent to Council for consideration and approval.

Carried

Resolution 2019-6

Lydia Weiskopf-Tran – Ray Marshall: THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee support the purposed nomination for Julie Jones for the Sports Hall of Fame and that the recommendation be sent to Council for consideration and approval.

Carried

f. North Himsworth Athletic Association Recognition

Discussion took place in regards to how to appropriately recognize the North Himsworth Athletic Association for their monetary donation to the Municipality. This donation of \$41,500.00 is intended to go towards the purchase of a new ice resurfacer, and a portion is to be allocated towards the creation of the Sports Recognition Wall.

Committee members felt that there should be an appropriate mention of the donation on the wall to the effect; *The Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee acknowledges the financial contribution of the North Himsworth Athletic Association in making the creation of this wall possible.* Further discussion will take place during the design process for the wall.

g. Carnival Agenda & Presentations

The official opening of the Winter Carnival will be held on Friday February 15th, 2019 at 6:00pm. This year it will take place in the upstairs hall using the stage, instead of on the ice surface.

The agenda for the Committee's presentations regarding the family room naming and presentations to the Sport Hall of Fame Inductees will be developed and confirmed with members. All Committee members should be present for the opening ceremony.

h. Carnival Breakfast

The Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee members participate in the preparation and serving of breakfast on the last day of the Carnival. This will take place on Sunday February 17th, 2019. The time is to be determined based on confirmation of the start time of the first hockey game of the day.

i. Other Business

None for this session.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2019-7

Ronald Roy – Lydia Weiskopf-Tran: That we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Chair, Terry Kelly



Municipality of East Ferris

Sports Awards and Recognition Policy

A. Background Information

In the spring of 2018 the Municipality was approached by a representative of the North Himsforth Athletic Association regarding a donation of funds to the Municipality of East Ferris. During the 1970's money was raised in the hopes of building an arena in Callander. The caretakers of the fund decided to disburse the money because there was no longer any expectation of Callander moving forward with an enclosed arena. A total of \$41,495.66 was donated to the Municipality of East Ferris, to be put towards the purchase of a new ice re-surfacer. It was also agreed that some of the funds would go towards the establishment of a Sport Wall of Fame. East Ferris Council was in support of both initiatives.

As a result, the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee developed the criteria and awards for the East Ferris Sport Hall of Fame and the Annual Sport Recognition Awards programs.

B. Purpose

This policy has been developed to provide guidance to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee in the selection of Sport Hall of Fame inductee(s) and the East Ferris Sports Annual Recognition Award Program recipient(s).

C. Committee Roles and Responsibilities

The Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee will be responsible for evaluating nominee submissions, and based on consensus, deciding on the successful nominee(s) for the nomination period. This includes:

- Ensuring that a nomination is complete and consistent with the criteria identified in the nomination package. (Attached)
- Receiving nominations and ensuring the policy process has been followed.
- Awarding the person(s) selected by the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee.

D. Length of Term

The Committee term is four years. Running concurrent with the Council term or as may be detailed in the terms of reference for the Committee.

E. Time Commitment

Committee members are expected to take the time to thoroughly review all the nomination packages to facilitate Committee decisions by established deadlines.

F. Records Retention

It will be the responsibility of the Municipality to retain all records regarding awards and individuals who were recognized.

G. Sport Hall of Fame Nomination Process

- Nominations may be made by any resident of the Municipality of East Ferris.
- Nominations for a current year will be accepted between January 1st and August 30th each year.
- Only one inductee per category will be accepted during each nomination year. It is not necessary to have a successful nomination in any category during any given year.
- A nomination for the East Ferris Sport Hall of Fame induction shall be made in writing and will include a detailed description, including dates etc., of achievements of the nominee as they relate to the criteria the Sport Hall of Fame. A chronology of the individual's contribution to the sport should also be outlined. The submission must include all of the appropriate supporting information as detailed in the nomination package.
- Nominations forms (packages) will be available on the Municipality's website or from the Manager of Recreation and Facilities.
- In evaluating nominations, the Committee will place equal value on the nominee's personal character and integrity and contributions to sport.
- Note failure to provide a detailed description of a person's achievements will result in the nomination not progressing to review until one is provided.
- Each nomination for the Hall of Fame induction shall be endorsed by the nominator and one other person supporting the nomination.
- Nomination packages will be submitted to the Manager of Recreation and Facilities within the policy timelines.
- Submissions will be accepted by the Manager of Recreation and Facilities to be brought before the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee for review for completeness and consideration.
- All submissions shall be reviewed by the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee members.
- This can be an ongoing process during the submission period.
- When submissions are received, the Committee will review them at the next scheduled meeting and it will be determined if additional information is required from the representatives who submitted the nomination. Nominations will be evaluated based on established criteria as listed in the Nomination Package. (Attached)
- All nomination entries must be complete by August 30th each year to be considered for current year's nomination. Nominations received after this date will be considered in the following year.
- The Committee, by consensus will decide which nominations will be recognized in the East Ferris Hall of Fame for the current nomination period.
- Submissions will be processed and finalized by November 30th of the submission year.

- Announcements regarding successful nominations will be made at a Council meeting in December.
- The Induction Ceremony and inductee names will be listed in the Winter Carnival booklet, the cost of which will be paid by the Municipality.
- Presentations to Inductees will be made at the East Ferris Winter Carnival or at another event if deemed necessary.
- All successful nominees will be notified by phone and then by letter of their nomination by the Manager of Recreation and Facilities prior to an official announcement being made. If unsuccessful only the nominator will be sent a letter of decision.
- Successful nominees will be advised of the presentation date and time at the upcoming East Ferris Winter Carnival so that they can invite family and friends to attend.
- Presentations will be made by the Mayor of the Municipality or their designate.

H. Annual Sport Recognition Award

- Nominations may be made by any resident of the Municipality of East Ferris.
- Nominations for a current year will be accepted between January 1st and August 30th each year. It is not necessary to have a sport accomplishment award during any given year.
- A nomination for the East Ferris Annual Sport Recognition Award shall be made in writing and will include a detailed description; including dates etc., of achievements as they relate to the criteria for the Annual Sport Recognition Award. The submission must include all of the appropriate supporting information as detailed in the nomination package.
- Nominations forms (packages) will be available on the Municipality's website and from the Manager of Recreation and Facilities.
- In evaluating nominations, the Committee will place equal value on the nominee's personal character and integrity and contributions to sport.
- Nomination packages will be submitted to the Manager of Recreation and Facilities within the policy timelines.
- Submissions will be accepted by the Manager of Recreation and Facilities to be brought before the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee for review for completeness and consideration.
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- When submissions are received, the Committee will review them at the next scheduled meeting and it will be determined if additional information is required from the representatives who submitted the nomination. Nominations will be evaluated based on established criteria as listed in the nomination package. (Attached)
- All nomination entries must be complete by August 30th each year to be considered for the current year's nomination. Nominations received after this date will be considered in the following year.

- The Committee, by consensus will decide which nominations will be recognized for the East Ferris Annual Sport Recognition award for the current nomination period.
- Submissions will be processed and finalized by November 30th of the submission year.
- Announcements regarding successful nominations will be made at a Council meeting in December.
- The Recognition Ceremony and the names of winners will be listed in the East Ferris Winter Carnival brochure, the cost of which will be paid by the Municipality.
- Presentations to award winners will be made at the East Ferris Winter Carnival or at another event if deemed necessary.
- All award winners will be notified by phone and then by letter of their nomination by the Manager of Recreation and Facilities prior to an official announcement being made. If unsuccessful only the nominator will be sent a letter of decision.
- Award winners will be advised of the presentation date and time at the upcoming East Ferris Winter Carnival so that they can invite family and friends to attend.
- Presentations will be made by the Mayor of the Municipality or their designate.

I. Recognition

Hall of Fame Inductees and Annual Sport Recognition Award winners may be honoured via the Municipality of East Ferris website, newsletters, event print materials, bios, Winter Carnival booklet and at the awards event to take place at the Annual Winter Carnival or other event if deemed necessary.

The cost of awards and any promotion will be allocated through the annual operating budget process as approved by Municipal Council.

a) Hall of Fame Inductees

Hall of Fame Nominees will be recognized on the official Hall of Fame site located at the East Ferris Community Centre.

Their picture, name, year of induction and a small write up highlighting their sport accomplishments will displayed on the Sport Hall of Fame.

The Municipality of East Ferris website will display, on a historical and ongoing basis, a record of inductees (name, category, sport, year of induction) including a picture and summary of accomplishments.

Inductees will receive a plaque to take home.

b) Annual Sport Recognition Awards

Annual Recognition winner(s) will have a picture and information regarding their accomplishment displayed on the official Sport Recognition site located at the East Ferris Community Centre for the time period leading up to the next year's award winners or one year.

J. Removal from the Hall of Fame

Nominees can be removed from the nomination process or the Sport Hall of Fame for unceremonious or criminal acts detrimental to the ideals and objectives of the Municipality, community or sport.

The Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee reserves the right to exclude nominees from consideration for nomination for unceremonious or for any acts detrimental to the ideals and objectives of the Municipality, community or sport.

Removal from the nomination process of Sport Hall of Fame can be a recommendation from a member of the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee or Municipal Council. The recommendation must include supporting information for the rationale.

The Committee shall review the recommendation and may recommend to Municipal Council that the recommendation be dismissed or that they endorse the recommendation for removal. In either case the Municipal Council must be advised of the recommendation prior to it being implemented.

Council may choose to approve or deny the Committee's recommendation.

Should the recommendation for removal be approved by Council, the Hall of Fame member or nominee representative shall be notified in writing of the decision for removal. The member or nominee representative having been notified must be given the opportunity to appeal the decision to Municipal Council and the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee in a timely manner.

K. Non-disclosure

No member of the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee or any party involved in the processing of nominations shall at any time, divulge or disclose the results or other particulars of the nomination evaluation process, except as obligated under this policy.

L. Amendments

Amendments to this document may, from time to time, be made by the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee and with the approval of East Ferris Municipal Council.

Attachments:

East Ferris Sport Hall of Fame Criteria for Nomination

East Ferris Annual Sport Recognition Program Criteria for Nomination

East Ferris Sport Hall of Fame

Nomination Form

Please complete this form as fully as possible.

Nomination is for: (Athlete and Builder may both be checked if appropriate):

☒ Athlete

☒ Builder

☐ Team

NOMINEE:

Name: Greg Rochefort (deceased in 2017)

Mailing Address: c/o Roberta Bédard, 871 Lakeshore Road, Astorville, ON P0H 1B0

Home Phone: 705-752-5377

Email: southshore871@gmail.com

Complete the following for Athlete and Builder nomination:

Year of Birth: 1963 Place of Birth: Astorville

If deceased, date of death: May 14th, 2017

As a testament of his good character and achievements in the sport of Figure Skating, Greg's passing was honoured in the Skate Canada Alumni website along with many public comments on Facebook

<https://alumni.skatecanada.ca/2017/11/first-edition-news/>

How long has nominee lived in East Ferris (years): 26 years From: 1963 To: 1989

If Nominee moved from East Ferris, where to:

From 1981 to 1988, Greg was a featured skater on many Skate Canada and provincial figure skating shows and tours. He skated alongside Kurt Browning, Elvis Stojko and other well known Canadian and international skaters. During this time his permanent residence remained that of his parents' home in Astorville. He officially moved away from East Ferris in 1989 when he joined Disney on Ice on the Pinocchio Tour as their Principle Skater Pinocchio and travelled extensively around the world. Astorville continued to be home to his parents and siblings.

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Name of sport nomination is for: Figure Skating

Greg started out as a hockey players at a young age (see attached photo). Physically very small in stature for his age and the sport, his mother Marion Rochefort, founder of the East Ferris Figure Skating Club (1971) encouraged him to come and try the sport of Figure Skating. When speaking with peers from the East Ferris Figure Skating Club, Greg Rochefort and Julie Jones are always the two names that surface as home grown talents who emerged and achieved great things within their sport of figure skating.

If Builder nomination, please provide some detail regarding category (coach, official, executive, sponsor, etc.):

While Greg brought fame to East Ferris for his figure skating achievements, within his sport he gained in notoriety with his coaching and executive work with Skate Canada. He worked on a full time basis with Skate Canada from the 90s until his passing in 2017. He was stationed in New Brunswick and then at the national office in Ottawa.

Level of Involvement: (please check appropriate categories)

Local: X

Regional: X

Provincial : X

National : X

International: X

Amateur : X

Professional : X

Sanctioned : X

Non sanctioned: X

If sanctioned, please indicate by what group(s): Skate Ontario and Skate Canada

Unfortunately because of Greg's passing and that of his parents, there is an incomplete inventory of his skating victories and achievements. Following are some of his top finishes and achievements as found in family news clippings given that Greg's sister Lyne was also a figure skater competitor in the 70s.

1974 - East Ferris Skating Club first ever competitive gold medal - Pre-Juvenile Men's Free Skate Champion – at the Powassan Figure Skating Club Challenge. Figure Skating was new to East Ferris, and Greg's success in the sport encouraged and inspired many other skaters who followed in his steps. In addition he was the first "male" who ventured into what was at the times seen more as a young girls sport.

1974 - Juvenile Men's Champion at the Scarborough Figure Skating Club Provincial Meet

1975 - Gold Men's Champion at the North Bay Figure Skating Club Regionals

1976 - Double Gold Medalist - Juvenile Men's and Interpretive Junior "B" Champion at the Muskoka, Parry Sound, Gravenhurst Skating Clubs

1976 - Newspaper article refers him as " THE LITTLE TOLLER CRANSTON "

1977 - Gold Medalist at the Northern Ontario Championship in SudburyG

1978 - Gold Men's Interpretive Champion at the North Bay Figure Skating Club Regionals

1980 - Northern Ontario Junior Men's Figure Skating Champion in Thunder Bay

1980- Competitor at the Canadian Divisional Figure Skating Championship in Winnipeg

1981 to 1988 – Continued to compete and over time his focus turned to Skate Canada and provincial figure skating shows and tours where he was a featured skater travelling throughout Canada and skating alongside well known Canadian and international skaters

1989 to 1992 - Joined the cast of Disney on Ice on the Pinocchio Tour as their Principle Skater Pinocchio and travelled extensively around the world

1993 to 2017 – Occupied various positions with Skate Canada in both their New Brunswick office and head office in Ottawa. At the time of passing in 2017 he was a Technical Director with Skate Canada. Some of his major achievements with Skate Canada include:

- Developing national programs and seminars including a manual entitled "Transition from Can Skate to Figure Skating "
- Introducing world ranked skaters such as Elizabeth Manley and Karen Preston to Skate Canada's coaching clinics and seminar programs
- Responsible for monitoring the progress of up and coming skaters to represent Skate Canada
- Travelled around the world to assist not only Canadian coaches but also American and International coaches to mentor skaters and assist in choreographing skating programs

Please provide any further details of nominee's involvement and why you feel nominee should be selected:
(separate sheet/documents may be attached as required).

In Figure Skating, achieving different levels of skating proficiency is a core component of the sport. Greg achieved all the necessary skating levels but his family recalls that it's in Free Skating that his coaches marvelled as he moved from the Junior Silver Test, to the Senior Silver Test to at the young age of 17 as a Novice Competitor winning the Gold Test in Free Skating.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and I endorse this application to the East Ferris Sports Recognition Wall.

Nominator: Gérald Brochu

Date: January 3rd, 2019

Research completed by: Greg's sisters: Debbie Dunn, Lyne Green and Roberte Bédard

Contact Phone: Debbie Dunn, dunngolfing@gmail.com

Please return completed forms and documentation to:

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1267 Village Road

Astorville, Ontario P0H 1B0

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Greg Rochefort wins North crown

By MIKE UMPHREY, Nugget Sports Reporter

THUNDER BAY — Seventeen-year-old Greg Rochefort is a happy young man today.

The young member of the North Bay Figure Skating Club skated his way to the Northern Ontario junior men's championship here on the weekend.

Rochefort will now advance to the Canadian Divisionals in Winnipeg Jan. 14-17, the second step on the road to the Canadian championships.

According to Diane Reynolds, Greg's coach and a teaching professional with the North Bay Figure Skating Club, the competition was stiff.

"The competition was really tough," said Mrs. Reynolds, "but it was quite a thrill. It's really nice to go into a competition as an underdog and come out on top."

The talented skater, who stands just 4'10" and suffers from asthma, trailed early in the competition, but rallied in the later stages to easily capture the title.

Rochefort was third after the figures portion of the competition behind a pair of Copper Cliff skaters, Pat Greasley and Mickey Prilisauer.

The young skater rallied with a perfect program in the seven-element short program, receiving four first-place finishes and one second from the team of five judges to move into the lead.

In Saturday night's final portion of the competition, the long program, he duplicated his earlier feat, recording again, four firsts and a second.

Final overall combined totals gave Rochefort a mark of 84.44 per cent. Prilisauer was second with 80.72 per cent and Greasley, third with 79.80 per cent.

Robin Lloyd also of the North Bay Figure Skating Club finished in second position in the juvenile men's section of the competition.



Greg Rochefort of Astorville is the new Northern Ontario Junior Men's Figure Skating Champion, after an impressive win in Thunder Bay.

—Nugget Staff Photo

N. Bay's Greg Rochefort cops gold in spring skating championships

Three skaters captured gold medals and another 70 advanced to the finals in their classifications Friday as the Ontario Spring Skating Championships under the theme of "Let's Make a Date to Skate" opened at Memorial Gardens and the West Ferris Community Centre.

The championships will continue today and Sunday with the windup and presentation of medals scheduled for Sunday at 5 p.m.

More than 500 skaters from throughout Ontario along with Quebec and Michigan are competing in the three-day competition.

North Bay Figure Skating Club's Greg Rochefort was one of the gold medal winners Friday as he captured top position in the men's bronze interpretive ahead of Mark Prole of the Scarboro Skating Club and David Free of the Bowmanville Skating Club who were second and third respectively.

Other gold medals Friday went to David Peacock of Unionville in the juvenile "B" men and Deke Botsford of the Upper Canada Figure Skating Club in the pre-juvenile men's section.

Peacock finished ahead of Roger Martel of Sudbury and Darcy Guddat of Markham while Botsford topped Rolland Robert of Nepean and Lee Barkell of Kirkland Lake.

Carolynn Dufresne of the North Bay Figure Skating Club was the only North Bay skater to qualify in Friday's preliminary competitions when she topped her group in the novice ladies "B".

Other qualifiers in that group were Brenda Dupee of the Clinton Figure Skating Club; Jennifer Keary of Thornhill; Sharon Allan of Markham; Leanne Turney of Unionville; Melinda Kunhegyi of Burlington; Susan Lean of Brockville; Denise Plodzien of the Delhi Figure Skating Club; Kathy Brian of the Riverside Skating Club; Cheryl Edwards of Windsor; Yvona Bleha of Nepean, and Suzanne Watson of

Pre-novice "A" ladies: Caroline Leete, Stratford; Anita Wilson, Chinguacousy Skating Club; Cheryl Fife, East Gwillimbury Skating Club; Cla Guddat, Markham; Catherine

Beaton, Dowling; Patricia Reeve, Elmvale; Benita Manitowabim, Sudbury and Kari Morin, Nepean. Novice "A" men's: David Watson, Georgetown; Doug

Pendergast, Brant Skating Club; Blair Methewson, St. Marie; Richard Plodzien, Delhi Skating Club; Ben Lavoie, Baie St. Paul and David Free, Bowmanville.



Michele Viegner of the Burlington Figure Skating Club goes through her routine in the pre-novice ladies competition of the Ontario Spring Skating Championships being held at Memorial Gardens and the West Ferris Community Centre. More than 500 skaters are competing in the three-day event

—Nugget Staff Photo by Mike Pinder



Capture skating medals

Two skaters from the North Bay district captured a pair of medals in free skating competition held at the Scarborough Centennial Recreation Complex. Greg Rochefort (right) was first in the juvenile men's division and Elizabeth Piper of Powassan was third in juvenile ladies. Greg skates with the North Bay and East Ferris Figure Skating Clubs. Both skaters are pupils of Diane Reynolds.

—Nugget Staff Ph.

OTTAWA CITIZEN

Gregory ROCHEFORT

Obituary



ROCHEFORT, Gregory

Surrounded by the love of his family, Greg passed away peacefully at home in Ottawa on Sunday, May 14, 2017 at the age of 54 years from cancer. Predeceased by his parents Norman and Marion (nee Carrison) Rochefort and his very loyal canine companion Madison. Survived by his siblings Roberta (Randy), Danny, Debbie (Pat), Lynn (Dave), Rachel (Michael) and Mark (Vicky) as well as several nephews, nieces and great-nephews and nieces. Greg touched the hearts of such a large extended family and countless friends through his outgoing personality filled with charm, natural wit and genuine love. Greg remained true to enjoying life to the fullest to the very end. From his earlier years as a Disney On Ice cast member, Greg developed a thirst for extensive travel, which brought him to some of the most exotic destinations in the world. His life-long passion for skating shaped dreams into realities for countless skaters across Ontario and New Brunswick, as well as molded him into a highly effective mentor to skating coaches at all levels. Greg's involvement with Skate Canada's Board of Directors is a testimony of his professionalism and level of expertise in the sport; however, in the eyes of skaters, their parents and coaches, it will be the praise, encouragement, artistry, and meticulous choreography that Greg brought to the ice surface that will prove part and parcel of his legacy. So many who followed Greg in the final phases of his journey are in awe of how he managed to put his suffering aside in order to choreograph his last "hurrah". Greg tackled every self-created project in his last few months of life with great intentionality. He projected strength when others felt helpless. The family extends their deep appreciation to special friends Francois, Don and Judy as well as Elizabeth (Health Care), Chantal, Carolyn and Jennifer and the team of doctors and nurses at Ottawa General who truly were remarkable and empathetic toward Greg and his siblings. In lieu of flowers, Greg had specifically made a request that individuals and/or organizations consider a donation to a homeless shelter as he truly believed everyone deserves a good meal, shelter and safe place. A private service has been held. Arrangements entrusted to Whelan Funeral Home, Ottawa tel. 613.233-1488. Messages of condolence and tributes to condolences@whelanfuneralhome.ca.

Guest Book

3 entries

"Missing you every day my handsome brother!"

- Lynn Rochefort

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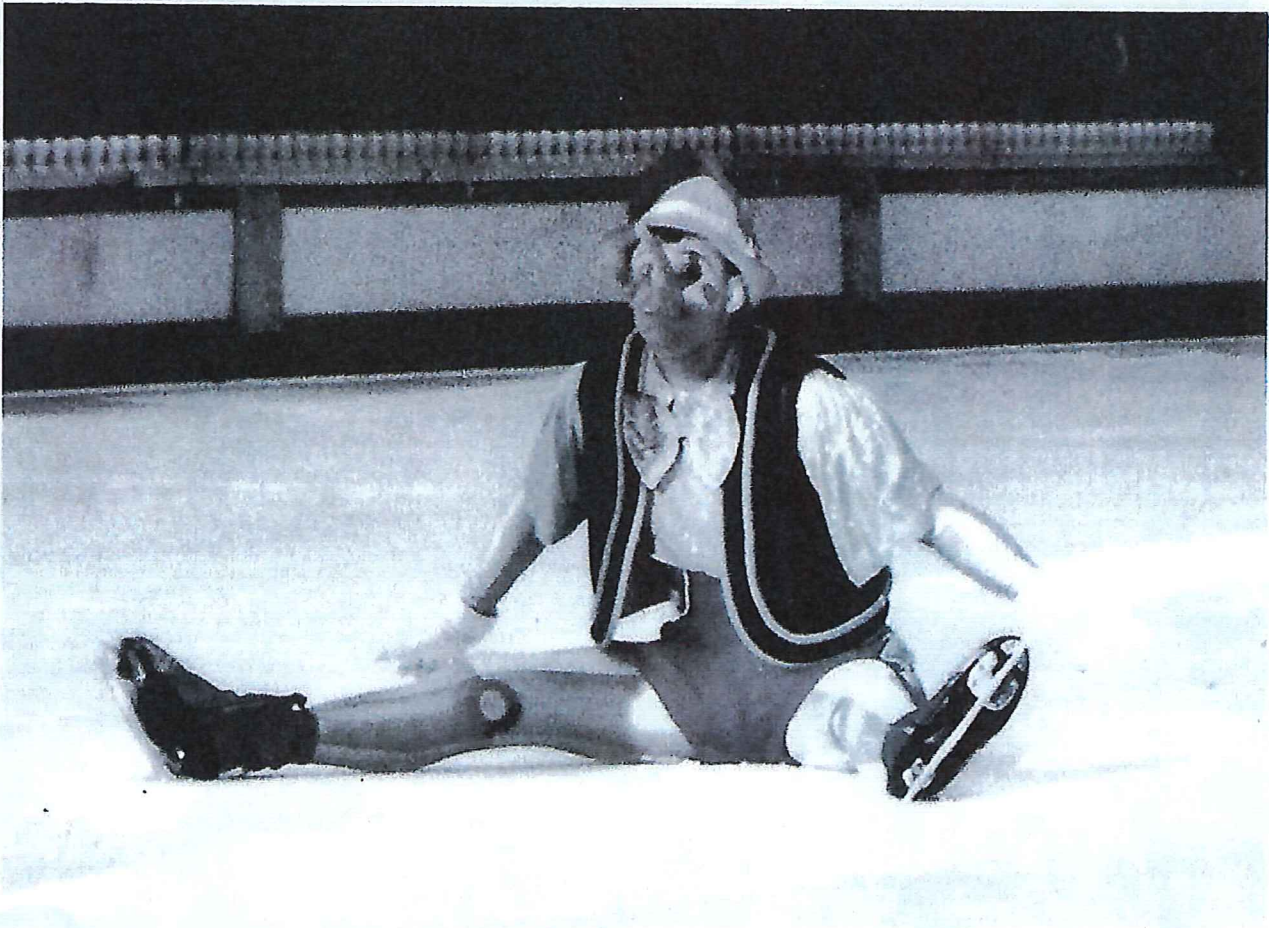
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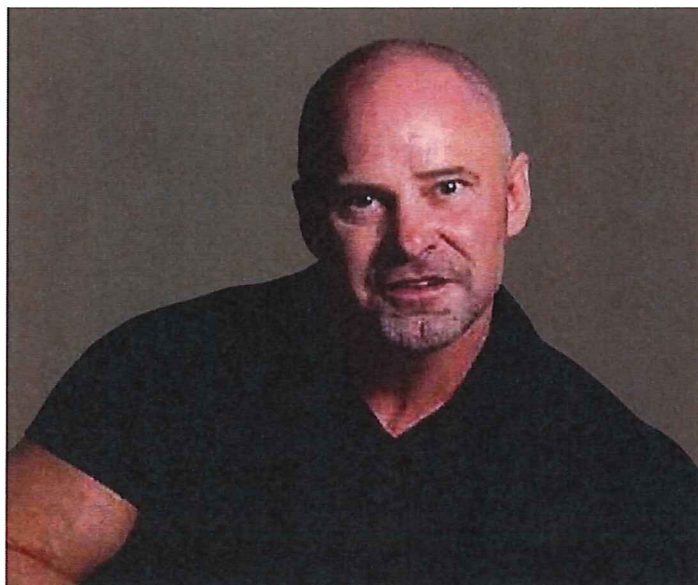
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FIGURE SKATING: ATHLETE AND BUILDER

PATIN ARTISTIQUE: ATHLÈTE ET BÂTISSEUR

Greg was introduced to the sport of Figure Skating at a young age by his mother Marion Rochefort, founder of the East Ferris Skating Club. Greg remained true and devoted to the sport of Figure Skating throughout his entire life. His artistic and creative choreographed programs rewarded him with many championship titles. After retiring from the competitive circuit of Figure Skating, Greg joined Disney on Ice and travelled extensively around the world with the Pinocchio Tour skating as the main character Pinocchio. The sport molded him into a respectful and sought after mentor to skating coaches in Canada, the USA and around the world. Greg's dedication and enthusiasm as a Technical Director with Skate Canada had a positive impact helping countless skaters achieve their dreams. This high-level position is certainly a testimony to his professionalism in the sport. At the international level he was well-respected in the Skating World. Greg left us in 2017 with a saying that "EVERYONE DESERVES A CHANCE IN LIFE!"

East Ferris Sport Hall of Fame

Nomination Form

Please complete this form as fully as possible.

Nomination is for: (Athlete and Builder may both be checked if appropriate):

☒ Athlete

☒ Builder

☐ Team

NOMINEE:

Name: Julie Jones

Mailing Address: Julie Jones c/o Sam McDadi Real Estate Inc., 5805 Whittle Rd #110,
Mississauga, ON L4Z 2J1

Home Phone: 416-809-2116 Bus. Phone: 905-502-1500

Email: Julie@mcdadi.com

Complete the following for Athlete or Builder nomination:

Date of Birth: August 6th, 1966 Place of Birth: Astorville

How long has nominee lived in East Ferris (years) 20 From: 1966 To: 1985

If Nominee moved from East Ferris, where to? In 1985 she joined Disney On Ice, however Astorville remained my home base when I moved to North Bay and then to Toronto in 1995.

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Name of sport nomination is for: Figure Skating

If Builder nomination, please provide some detail regarding category (coach, official, executive, sponsor, etc.):
Skating was a family affair with Claire (Julie's mother) the Treasurer of the Northern Ontario Figure Skating Association for 4 years, a Member on the Ontario Council of Canadian Figure Skating Association for 2 years and involved in several local skating committees throughout her daughter's career. Her father Ted played hockey in Astorville and has been a key figure in organizing the East Ferris Carnival for a number of years.

Level of Involvement: (please check appropriate categories)

Local: X

Regional : X

Provincial: X

National: X

International: X

Amateur: X

Professional: X

Sanctioned: X

Non sanctioned: X

If sanctioned, please indicate by what group(s): Figure Skating Canada and Ontario

Honours received or won: As written by Julie

Sorry I don't have exact dates ... but overall this is how I recall my career in skating. I took my first skating lesson at the age of 5 at the outside rink near my home before the arena was built. Unfortunately I did not like the cold or skating and decided to quit. With the new arena, I took up the sport at the age of 9 and immediately started competing and won my first 2 gold medals. This was the beginning of my skating career and my skates became like a favorite pair of shoes. I went on completing my skating levels and competed in various competitions provincially for several years winning over 70 to 80 medals (mostly gold) and other achievement awards throughout the province.

Interpretive (Artistic) skating was definitely a very strong area for me and won numerous competitions based on my artistry on the ice.

I was a guest skater at several skating clubs as a soloist for their end of year ice shows while skating as an amateur.

Also skated on two different precision skating teams (now called synchronized teams) winning the Northern Ontario title for many years and participating in national competitions for many years from interclub, sectionals, provincials and nationals.

Throughout my entire time skating before turning professional, I volunteered as an amateur coach helping younger skaters and also power skating for hockey players

I then auditioned for Disney On Ice and was asked to join in 1985. Skated professionally with them for 7 years in 3 different shows around the world meeting all kinds of fascinating and interesting people, from famous actors, athletes, music bands, politicians & of course the locals & their cultures. Always loved learning about different cultures. How exciting. Skating all over North America & Overseas has been an incredible experience and has most definitely developed my appreciation for diversity and honed my communication skills. Disney on Ice became my family away from home. What a tremendous experience and I developed great friendships that to this day, I still stay in touch with several of my skating friends.

Unfortunately my family was struck with tragedy with my sister passing, and I found it difficult to be away from my home and family and so in 1992 I decided to leave Disney On Ice. I moved to the Toronto area and went on to complete my skating credentials at a National level and began instructing at a recreational and national level. I mostly specialized in Choreography for competitive skaters travelling throughout the Greater Toronto Area. I had the pleasure and the opportunity to work alongside other world class choreographers & coaches at some point during my teaching years, such as Sandra Bezic, Osbourne Colson, Elvis Stoyko, Barb Underhill, David Wilson. It was a true passion for me to develop programs and watch the skaters bring them to life.

Please provide any further details of nominee's involvement and why you feel nominee should be selected:
(separate sheet/documents may be attached as required).

Julie recalls in the 90's, **both her and Greg Rochefort were awarded athletes of the decade for the East Ferris Township by Moe Mantha(MP) & Bill Vrebosch(Reeve).**

She currently resides in Mississauga (GTA) with her Callista & Mia and partner, Sean, where she sells real estate for the #1 team on the Toronto & Mississauga Real Estate Boards for 8 consecutive years (Sam McDadi Real Estate Brokerage). She has won numerous awards as a top producer. She is a certified and holds the designation as a Luxury Home Marketing Specialist and Prestigious Million Dollar Guild Award. This past December she was given the Courage Award for still maintaining her status as a top producer, remaining as active as possible in every way and staying positive and strong while going through cancer treatments.

She contributes towards different charities. For example in November 2016 she was one of the stars in Dancing With The Mississauga Stars Gala. The funds raised went towards The Community Foundation Of Mississauga which helps many different charities and organizations. Her real estate team partners with the Mississauga Trillium Hospital, donating a portion of every transaction to the hospital. She organizes events through her real estate for the Mississauga Food Bank, Compass for the homeless and the Canadian Cancer Society.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and I endorse this application to the East Ferris Sports Recognition Wall.

Nominator: Gérald Brochu

Date: January 4th, 2019

Research completed by: Claire Jones and Julie Jones

Contact Phone: 705-752-1059

Contact Address: 419 Astorville Road, Astorville, ON P0H 1B0_

Please return completed forms and documentation to:

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JULIE JONES

FIGURE SKATING: ATHLETE AND BUILDER

PATIN ARTISTIQUE: ATHLÈTE ET BÂTISSEUR

Julie, daughter of Claire and Ted Jones from Astorville, was a successful competitive figure skater. She brought fame to the East Ferris Skating Club winning numerous awards and medals. She also took part in synchronized skating winning the Northern Ontario Championship and participating in nationals for many years. She was asked to join Disney On Ice in 1985 and traveled the world as a Professional Skater for seven years. During that time, Julie experienced many different cultures, which in turn developed her appreciation for diversity, and honed her communication skills. Julie went on to complete her national coaching credentials and taught figure skating as a professional instructor on a recreational and national level for several years and specialized in choreography for competitive skaters. She now resides in the GTA and is one of a few in the field of real estate with the Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist Designation and the Prestigious Million Dollar Guild Award. She organizes many charitable events through her work and on occasion can be seen on the ice helping out a young skater.

MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS SPORTS RECOGNITION
Guidelines for Sport Hall of Fame Nomination Package Completion

1. Purpose

The East Ferris Sports Recognition Program is to provide a permanent and public display of sport achievements by athletes, teams, and builders promoting East Ferris sporting history.

a. Definition of Resident:

Residency or strong connection to the community through either training in East Ferris, membership in an East Ferris sport organization or participation on an East Ferris based team. Preference will be given to individuals who lived in East Ferris during their participation in their sport.

b. Definition of "Sports" for the purposes of the Sports Recognition Program:

For the purpose of these awards, "sports" is defined as those activities requiring physical conditioning and/or refinement of motor skills so that competitive excellence may be achieved. Championships recognized for eligibility are those accepted by the sport's governing body to be the highest competition available to that sport, at either a local, regional, provincial, national or international level. Recognition of achievement in sports will be issued for the highest level achieved by the particular athlete or team, at the end of the sport's season. For example, a team that wins a regional championship as well as a provincial championship will be eligible for recognition of the provincial championship only.

2. Induction Categories

a. ATHLETE Criteria:

An individual may qualify by having participated successfully in amateur or professional sport, having performed in such a way as an individual or member of a team, to bring special honour to and foster a sense of pride in the Municipality of East Ferris at a community, regional, provincial, national or international level.

Selection Criteria – ATHLETE:

Key criteria to be considered in the selection process for the Individual category:

- Consideration will be given to records set, number and significance of awards won, skill and ability levels and the standards achieved.
- In good standing in their sport and community at the time of the selection process.
- Higher than average proficiency in more than one sport.
- Athletes shall be eligible for nomination after having retired for three years from active participation in the sport or sports involved at their highest level of participation; or in having reached thirty five years of age regardless of whether he/she is still active in the sport or sports involved.

b. TEAM Criteria:

A team must have attained a high level of excellence and brought honour to and foster a sense of pride in the Municipality of East Ferris at a community, regional, provincial, national or international level.

Selection Criteria – TEAM:

Key criteria to be considered in the selection process for the Team category:

- Teams are selected for achievement in one year only.
- Teams that have won a championship or title at the regional, provincial, national or international level in a given year.
- Consideration will be given to records set, number and significance of award at all levels.

c. BUILDER Criteria:

A builder must have demonstrated consistently outstanding commitment and leadership to athletics or sports as an official, executive, trainer, coach, administrator, teacher, sponsor or volunteer, over an extended period of time (minimum of 5 years).

Selection Criteria – BUILDER:

Key criteria to be considered in the selection process for the Builder category:

- A builder may be active or inactive at the time of nomination and/or induction.
- Consideration given to integrity, sportsmanship and character.
- Compiled an outstanding record of coaching/managing championships teams and/or athletes, and compiled an extraordinary winning record or have achieved other outstanding accomplishments.
- Attained a high level of excellence and brought honour and recognition to East Ferris sport and sport history.
- Nominees must exhibit a "pioneering" quality in athletic, builder, or team accomplishments, involving some aspect of innovation, or trailblazing that changed the shape of sport in East Ferris.
- His/her work over that period of time, or over most of it, must have been of a consistently high level with regard to services provided or results achieved.
- Positive impact in the community.
- The candidate(s) must exemplify good character and dedication, and provide inspiration to present and future generations.
- Contribution back to the community of East Ferris, either in their sport or beyond their specific sport.

3. VALIDATION:

- Residency or strong connection to the community through either training in East Ferris membership in an East Ferris sport organization or participation on an East Ferris based team. Preference will be given to individuals who lived in East Ferris during their participation in their sport.
- An athlete who displays his/her sports excellence while temporarily outside of East Ferris is considered to still be a resident of East Ferris, providing his/her "home" residence is still in East Ferris .

4. All nomination packages must include the following:

- A completed Sports Recognition Nomination Form
- A resume or biographical sketch (press releases, newspaper articles, statistical information) documenting the nominee's merits in relation to the selection criteria for the award sought and describing additional activities outside his/her professional life or any other supportive material.

Insufficient supportive detail will lead to the nominator being notified and having to resubmit the nomination with the needed supportive detail. The Committee may determine whether nomination supportive detail is sufficient.

East Ferris Sport Hall of Fame

Nomination Form

Please complete this form as fully as possible.

Nomination is for: (Athlete and Builder may both be checked if appropriate):

☐ Athlete

☐ Builder

☐ Team

NOMINEE:

Name: (If a team, a contact name) _____

Mailing Address:

Home Phone: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Email:

Complete the following for Athlete or Builder nomination:

Date of Birth: DD/MM/YY _____ Place of Birth: _____

If deceased, date of death: DD/MM/YY _____

How long has nominee lived in East Ferris (years) _____ From: _____ To: _____

If Nominee moved from East Ferris, where to? _____

Left East Ferris in (year): _____ If returned, in (year): _____

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Name of sport nomination is for: _____

If Builder nomination, please provide some detail regarding category (coach, official, executive, sponsor, etc.):

Level of Involvement: (please check appropriate categories)

- ☐ Local
- ☐ Regional
- ☐ Provincial
- ☐ National
- ☐ International
- ☐ Amateur
- ☐ Professional
- ☐ Sanctioned
- ☐ Non sanctioned

If sanctioned, please indicate by what group(s):

Honours received or won:

Please provide any further details of nominee's involvement and why you feel nominee should be selected:
(separate sheet/documents may be attached as required).

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and I endorse this application to the East Ferris Sports Recognition Wall.

Nominator:

Date: _____

Research completed by: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Address: _____

Please return completed forms and documentation to:

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Annual intake period: January to August

Municipality of East Ferri

Annual Sport Recognition Award

GUIDELINES for NOMINATION PACKAGE COMPLETION

1. Purpose

The East Ferris Sports Recognition Award Program is to provide annual recognition and public display of significant sport achievements in a calendar year by East Ferris athletes, teams, and builders.

2. Definitions

a. Definition of Resident:

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b. Definition of "Sports" for the purposes of the Sports Recognition Program:

For the purpose of these awards, "sports" is defined as those activities requiring physical conditioning and/or refinement of motor skills so that competitive excellence may be achieved. Championships recognized for eligibility are those accepted by the sport's governing body to be the highest competition available to that sport, at either a local, regional, provincial, national or international level. Recognition of accomplishment in sports will be issued for the highest level achieved by the particular athlete or team, within the calendar year. For example, a team that wins a regional championship as well as a provincial championship will be eligible for recognition of the provincial championship only.

3. Annual Sport Recognition Categories:

a. ATHLETE Criteria:

An individual may qualify by having participated successfully in amateur or professional sport, having performed in such a way as an individual or member of a team, to bring special honour to and foster a sense of pride in the Municipality of East Ferris at a community, regional, provincial, national or international level within the calendar year.

b. ATHLETE Selection Criteria:

Key criteria to be considered in the selection process for the Individual category:

- Consideration will be given to records set, number and significance of awards won
- Skill and ability levels and the standards achieved.
- In good standing in their sport and community at the time of the selection process.

c. TEAM Criteria:

A team must have attained a high level of excellence and brought honour to and foster a sense of pride in the Municipality of East Ferris at a community, regional, provincial, national or international level within the calendar year.

TEAM Selection Criteria

Key criteria to be considered in the selection process for the Team category:

- Teams that have won a championship or title at the community, regional, provincial, national or international level.
- Consideration will be given to records set, number and significance of award at all levels.

d. BUILDER Criteria

A builder must have demonstrated strong commitment and leadership to athletics or sports as an official, executive, trainer, coach, administrator, teacher, sponsor or volunteer, within the calendar year.

BUILDER Selection Criteria

Key criteria to be considered in the selection process for the Builder category:

- Consideration given to integrity, sportsmanship and character.
- Contributed to East Ferris sports through coaching/managing teams and/or Athletes within the calendar year.
- Attained a high level of excellence and brought honour and recognition to East Ferris.
- Positive impact in the community.
- The candidate(s) must exemplify good character and dedication, and provide inspiration to present and future generations
- Contribution back to the community of East Ferris, either in their sport or beyond the specific sport.

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Municipality of East Ferris
Annual Sport Recognition Award
Nomination Form

Please complete this form as fully as possible regarding your Nominee's sports participation/contribution in the current calendar year.

Nomination is for:

☐ **Athlete** ☐ **Builder** ☐ **Team**

NOMINEE:

Name: (If a team, a contact name)

Mailing Address:

Home Phone: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Email:

Complete the following for Athlete or Builder nomination:

Date of Birth: DD/MM/YY _____

Place of

Birth: _____

How long has nominee lived in East Ferris (years) _____ From: _____ To: _____

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Name of sport nomination is for:

If Builder nomination, please provide some detail regarding category (coach, official, executive, sponsor, etc.):

Level of Involvement during the current calendar year: (please check appropriate categories)

☐ Local ☐ Regional ☐ Provincial ☐ National ☐ International

☐ Amateur ☐ Professional ☐ Sanctioned ☐ Non sanctioned

If sanctioned, please indicate by what group(s):

Honours received or won in this calendar year:

Please provide any further details of nominee's involvement in the current calendar year and why you feel nominee should be selected: (separate sheet/documents may be attached as required).

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and I endorse this application for the annual **East Ferris Sports Recognition Award**

Nominator:

Date:

Contact Phone:

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