

Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame

Memorial Sports Centre

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Mayor and Council

Town of Fort Frances,

320 Portage Ave,

Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9

Request for Sponsorship: Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame 2022 Induction Class

Dear Mayor Caul and Council members,

The Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 2012. Our mission is to preserve and honour our area's rich and proud sports heritage. Since the inaugural induction ceremony in 2015, 11 athletes, 15 builders and 7 teams have been honoured for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to a wide variety of sports.

The Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame will celebrate our fourth class of inductees on August 13, 2022 at La Place Rendezvous. The induction ceremonies are open to the public with more than 150 guests in attendance, including Honoured Member alumni, and of course family, friends and former team mates of the new inductees. While the event honours the contributions and accomplishments of inductees, it also recognizes the importance of sport in our lives and community.

Our six person selection committee chose the following nine inductees from 20 submissions.

Athletes:

- Danny Johnson: played in the NHL and WHA. Named captain of Winnipeg Jets.
- Kelly Lyons: nationally ranked Masters level swimmer
- Danny Smith: represented Fort Frances during a distinguished 21 year career in Special Olympics.



Please follow us on Facebook for Hall of Fame news and to view profiles of inductees.
Visit the Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame in the lobby of the Memorial Sports Centre



Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame



Our Mission:

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Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame Members:

ATHLETES:

Johnny Coward
Ed Kryzanowski
Mike Allison
Keith "Huffer" Christiansen
Pete Kawulia
Brock Madill
Frank "Ike" Eisenzoph
David Brockie
Chris Lindberg
Jeff Treftlin
Dave Mitchell

BUILDERS:

R. H. "Bob" Peters
Art Berglund
David Allison
Bill Selman
John "Gino" Gasparini
Jon Gustafson
James Witherspoon
Glenn Witherspoon
Scott Clendenning
Barney Maher
Ken Christiansen
Bruce McLeod
Bob and Mary Beth Tkachuk
Scott Fawcett

TEAMS:

1952 Fort Frances
Canadians
1989 FFHS Muskie Football
1960 Fort Frances
Canadians
1958 Manitoba Schoolboy
Curling
1980 Muskie Girls
Basketball
1996 Police National Curling
1953-54 Jaycees Juvenile
Hockey Team

Our Team:

Our committee is comprised of Mike Allison, Dan Bird, Dave Bruyere, Jeannie Bujold, Scott Fawcett, Bob Tkachuk, and Glenn Witherspoon.

2022 Induction Ceremony: (We plan to hold induction ceremonies every third year.)

The next ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of the inductees will be held August 13, 2022 at La Place Rendezvous. We expect another outstanding class of inductees. The Induction Banquet is open to the public with more than 150 guests including sponsors, Honoured Member alumni, and of course family, friends and former team mates of the new Inductees.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

The Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame is only able to operate with the generous support of sponsors. Your sponsorship helps us cover the cost of staging the induction ceremony and producing the plaques presented to inductees and the copy of that plaque permanently displayed in the Hall of Fame in the lobby of the Memorial Sports Centre. As a non-profit volunteer organization we are not able to issue receipts for tax deductible purposes.

Builders:

- 1991 - 1993 Fort Frances Curling Club Committee (President Roy Avis): built the new curling club on Eighth Street after the original club was condemned only two years earlier.
- Dave Egan: 37 years coaching minor hockey, key member of Ice for Kids Committee.
- Herman Guimond: from the late 1940's to the 1980's Guimond's name was synonymous with hockey in Fort Frances and on Couchiching First Nation.
- Terry Ogden: Head Coach of the first two OFSAA Gold Medal hockey teams at FFHS.

Teams:

- 1989 Plaza Lanes YBC Bantam Girls Bowling Team - Canadian Gold Medalists
- 1986 Muskie Hockey OFSAA Gold Medal Champions

We acknowledge the challenges municipalities face when providing funding for events such as ours but we are encouraged by the fact that the Town of Fort Frances continues to strongly support events like this. Sponsorship levels are explained in the enclosed presentation. Sponsorships cover the costs of producing the inductee's plaques which will be on permanent display in the lobby of the Memorial Sports Centre. If you have any questions please call me at 274 - 4023.

Yours in sport,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael Allison', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Allison