



Regular Meeting Agenda
Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee
The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid Meeting - Virtual Option & In-Person in Council Chambers –
4th Floor – City Hall

Members:

Glenn McClelland (Co-Chair)

Beth Cooper (Co-Chair)

Parvez Chowdhury

Norman DaCosta

Patty Grassam

Frank Juzenas

Glenn McIntyre

Nicholas Moreau

Ziggy Musial

Suki Nijjar

Ron Noonan (Curator)

Harnek Singh Rai

Ephraim Sampson

Regional Councillor Gurpartap Toor

Wards 9 and 10

City Councillor Rod Power

Wards 7 and 8

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Note: Meeting information is also available in alternate formats upon request.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
4. Previous Minutes
 - 4.1 Minutes - Brampton Sports Hall of Fame - January 18, 2024

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on January 31, 2024, and were approved by Council on February 7, 2024. The minutes are provided for Committee's information.
5. Presentations\Delegations
6. Reports
7. Sub-Committees
8. Other/New Business
 - 8.1 Discussion at the request of Nicholas Moreau, Member, re: Identify and Revise Out-of-date Biographies for Accuracy
 - 8.2 Verbal update by Ken Mair, Supervisor, Sports and Community Partner, re: Induction Ceremony Feedback
9. Building Update
 - 9.1 Verbal update by Ken Mair, Supervisor, Sports and Community Partner, re: New Sports Hall of Fame - Victoria Park Arena
10. Correspondence

11. Information Items

11.1 Information by Frank Juzenas, Member, re: Brampton Athletes

12. Question Period

13. Public Question Period

15 Minute Limit (regarding any decision made at this meeting)

14. Closed Session

15. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.



Minutes

Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Members Present: Glenn McClelland (Co-Chair)
Beth Cooper (Co-Chair)
Norman DaCosta
Patty Grassam
Frank Juzenas
Glenn McIntyre
Nicholas Moreau
Ziggy Musial
Suki Nijjar
Ron Noonan
Ephraim Sampson
Regional Councillor Gurpartap Toor
City Councillor Rod Power

Members Absent: Parvez Chowdhury
Harnek Singh Rai

Staff Present: Kenneth Mair, Rec Spvr, Sports&Comm Partner,
Teri Bommer, Coordinator, Sport Liaison, Community
Services
Peter Fay, City Clerk
Shawnica Hans, Acting City Clerk
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m., recessed at 6:45 p.m., and moved into Closed Session at 6:55 p.m. Committee recessed at 9:05 p.m., reconvened in Open Session at 9:08 p.m., and adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

SHF001-2024

That the agenda for the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee meeting of January 18, 2024 be approved as written and published.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Nil

4. Previous Minutes

4.1 Minutes - Brampton Sports Hall of Fame - October 5, 2023

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on October 25, 2023, and approved by Council on November 1, 2023. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. Presentations\Delegations

Nil

6. Reports

Nil

7. Sub-Committees

7.1 Minutes - Nomination Sub-Committee Meeting of September 28, 2023

SHF002-2024

That the minutes of the **Nomination Sub-Committee Meeting of September 28, 2023** to the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee meeting of January 18, 2024 be received.

Carried

8. Other/New Business

Nil

9. Building Update

Nil

10. Correspondence

Nil

11. Information Items

Nil

12. Question Period

Nil

13. Public Question Period

Nil

14. Closed Session

The following motion was considered:

SHF003-2024

That Committee proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

14.1. Open Meeting Exception under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act 2001:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

In Open Session, the Acting City Clerk reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session, as follows:

14.1. This item was considered by Committee in Closed Session, information was received and direction was given to staff (See Recommendation SHF004-2024 below)

SHF004-2024

That the direction agreed upon within Closed Session, be approved, and that the official results be announced by media release once approved by Council.

Carried

14.1 Open Meeting Exception under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act 2001:

15. **Adjournment**

SHF005-2024

That Brampton Sports Hall of Fame do now adjourn to meet again on February 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

Glenn McClelland (Co-Chair)

Beth Cooper (Co-Chair)

To the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee and staff,

I would like to propose a committee-led review of the biographies, to make sure that the inductee biographies all rise to the same level of excellence. In short, some biographies would benefit for a gentle polish, either to clarify statements for modern readers who lack context, or to update information.

Most visitors to the Hall would be unaware that the biographies are as of whatever year they're inducted. Visitors likely presume that what they're reading is representative of the entire career of the athlete, coach, or builder.

In past months, the challenge of mid-career inductions was mentioned by other members in open session of the Committee. While most inductions are delayed until retirement, a world title or championship allows a fast-track.

As a result, there are Olympians in the earliest phases of their careers, missing their later achievements. There are jockeys who have doubled their achievements at time of induction. There are multiple instances of people inducted as athletes, but who have since also contributed locally or beyond as coaches or builders. There's a broadcaster who has switched networks multiple times since induction, as well as calling one of Canada's best known goals of the 21st century.

Other issues noticed:

- Standard practice is that deceased inductees have their birth and death years at the top of the induction. There's a couple of cases where this didn't happen.
- There are many instances where the inductee passed away after induction. One bio even says that the individual "has shown no signs of slowing down," but received an obituary from Frank Juzenas a decade ago. I would like the committee to consider retroactively adding birth and death years to the top of those induction texts, lest visitors think that there's a swath of 120-year-olds in the Hall.
- There's at least one instance where the names of other honours held by inductees may have changed. The Canadian Amateur Sports Hall of Fame is now the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame, for instance.
- There may be typos in some biographies. One references the local lacrosse
- Some accomplishments would benefit from extra context. One inductee was responsible for establishing age limits within lacrosse in Brampton. For all but a handful of modern visitors, context on why that's important would help solidify this inductee's importance.
- There's one inductee listed as a current Brampton resident at time of induction, but a media biography of his daughter, who was born before the induction took place, says that she is a lifelong resident of another city.

- One inductee's parents submitted nomination papers with a nickname that the inductee doesn't like and doesn't recall ever being called. (Many other nicknames are very appropriate, as some inductees were better known in their sport or in Brampton by said nickname.)
- Spelling mistakes, where they occur, such as the "bonze" medal mentioned.
- I've found only one factual error, a posthumous inductee whose middle initial is wrong.

Finally, in some cases it would be a great thing to acknowledge that some of the builders are still contributing. One 2013 inductee reached her 30th year of volunteering in 2023.

All of these changes will be conducted with the mindset of strengthening the justification that past Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committees had in inducting these individuals. No action should be taken on biographies to weaken or otherwise impune the honoured members.

In past months, I have read through many of the biographies, to establish which inductees are living or dead, to establish which inductees have newer accomplishments, etc. I created a spreadsheet with notes, which can be used as a starting point, but ultimately the input of other committee members would be crucial to point out things that I haven't found.

Again, the goal is to polish, not to reinvent.

Regards,

Nick Moreau