



Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame

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Presentation to Burnaby Parks Commission

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame Origin

The concept of creating the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame originated during the Burnaby Park Commission meeting of October 01, 1997. With the B.C. Summer Games held in Burnaby during the summer of 1997, the Hall was to be a legacy from that sporting event. For two years from that date, in subsequent meetings, the Commission refined the structure and function of the BSHOF and set guidelines as to the selection of the BSHOF committee. The committee was to be composed of those individuals who had ties to Burnaby and representing the areas of:

- *Outdoor sports groups*
- *Indoor sports groups*
- *Post-secondary sports*
- *Athletes with disabilities*
- *Private recreation facilities*
- *Chamber of Commerce*
- *Labour community*
- *Media*
- *Private and public high school sports*
- *Liaison from the Burnaby Parks Board*

Commission Agenda

Date 2015 June 17
Presentation (a)

Start up

To obtain candidates, advertisements were placed in local newspapers. The mandate set out by the Commission for the committee was to establish criteria for induction of members, implement a nomination process, maintain a display area, and provide recognition for the inducted members. The inaugural committee was officially ratified on May 03, 2000. Once the committee was established, the task of meeting the provisions of the Commission began and an application made to the provincial government to be certified under the Provincial Society Act. That incorporation was obtained on April 18, 2001. We also received charitable society status with the Federal government for income tax purposes. Another necessity was to obtain a "pro bono" lawyer and accountant, both of whom — Greg Greiner and Bonnie Latimer — have been allied with Hall since its incorporation. The first induction ceremony was on October 11, 2001. Five athletes, five builders, three coaches, and one team were inducted.



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Banquet and display

The Commission dedicated the west wall of the Copeland Sports Centre for the display area and provided the Hall with seed money to begin its operation because there were substantial start-up costs. But after that, the Hall was to be self-sustaining. The idea was to raise operating funds from sponsorship donations, banquet profits, raffles, and a silent auction. There are currently eight beautiful oak display cabinets on the west wall of the Copeland Sports Centre that proudly show the many individuals who brought recognition to Burnaby. The annual Induction Ceremony is held on the fourth Thursday of February to recognize the previous year's successful candidates. All of our inductions have been held at the Firefighter's Catering and Banquet Hall at Metrotown. It starts at 6 p.m. with the banquet at 7 p.m. and the inductions starting at 8 p.m. Each inductee receives a plaque listing his/her accomplishments. A similar plaque is placed in the display cabinets at the Copeland Centre. We also hold a silent auction of donated sports memorabilia solicited by committee members during the banquet. This event is a thoroughly enjoyable evening of reminiscing and renewal of friendships forged in athletic endeavours. The average attendance is approximately 200.

Nomination criteria

The overall nomination theme recurrent for each of the four categories, athlete, builder, coach, team, is "the individual(s) had brought distinction and honour to Burnaby, while living in or participating in Burnaby during that specific time." A brochure is produced each year seeking new nominations and distributed among local community centres as well mailed to various sports groups. The entire list of past inductees, their accomplishments and other salient information is provided by our website: www.burnabysportshalloffame.ca. Applications for nomination are contained on the website as well.

Inductees

Earlier this year, the Hall inducted its 14th group of members. They include 48 athletes, 40 builders, 24 coaches, and 14 teams spanning 33 sports.



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Scholarships

After several years of operation, the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame became solvent to the point when it was decided to give back to the community. Scholarships of \$1,000 were made available to graduating high school students who are residents of Burnaby. Two scholarships, one male and one female, have been awarded each year since 2009, although when we had our 10th induction ceremony we decided to celebrate the milestone by awarding scholarships to two boys and two girls. A scholarship application is distributed to all the public secondary schools in Burnaby, St. Thomas More Collegiate and Notre Dame secondary because many of its students are Burnaby residents. Any students who attend a Burnaby school but don't reside in the city are not eligible. A sub-committee of three hall committee members make the selections. The recipients, however, do not receive the funds until they can show they are registered in a post-secondary institution and have passed the tuition refund deadline. Fourteen scholarships totaling \$14,000 to assist these individuals in their post-secondary studies have been awarded. A permanent plaque listing the recipients' names rests in the display area at the Copeland Centre.

Future

The committee is currently composed of 11 voting members and a Parks and Recreation non-voting liaison, which the Hall of Fame Committee is grateful to the Commission for providing. Much of the credit for its ongoing success goes to past president Brian Pound, treasurer and website administrator Merv Magus, and long-time committee members Karin Alzner, Tom Berridge, Moira Colbourne, Larry Hayes, Rosemary Magus and Don Steen. After 14 years in operation, the BSHOF will continue to honour individuals who have brought recognition to Burnaby. We would like to thank the City of Burnaby and the Parks Commission for supporting us through the years, and look forward to continuing the exceptional relationship. We have had some discussions at the committee level about the future on topics such as the location of the Hall's display, but nothing has been decided. We did, however, want to update the Commission on the Hall's activities and express our gratitude for supporting us over the years.