



Induction Ceremony 2024

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History

To recognize and celebrate the people who have contributed to Petawawa's rich heritage and lasting legacy, the Petawawa Town Council supported the development of a Petawawa Sports and Entertainment Hall of Fame in spring 2017. This endeavour will provide the Town of Petawawa with an opportunity to celebrate past achievement in the areas of sports and entertainment and build a legacy of excellence for the future.

Mission

To honour, celebrate, preserve and share the outstanding achievements and contributions of those who have brought recognition to the Town of Petawawa through sport and entertainment. The PSEHOF will recognize athletes (individuals and teams), entertainers (individuals or groups) and builders (non-athletes and other contributors) who have:

- Made significant and/or outstanding and/or defining and/or exceptional achievements and/or contributions to sport, athletics or entertainment as an athlete, an entertainer or a builder
- Achieved outstanding and extraordinary success in Canada or as a Canadian competing or performing abroad
- Made an outstanding and extraordinary contribution to sports or entertainment other than as a competitor

Goal

"Inspire the youth of Petawawa to excel in sports and entertainment and strive to achieve their goals in all aspects of life."

Future

The current Board of Directors is actively seeking new volunteers for the Hall of Fame Committee and the Nomination Committee as we begin preparations for the next class of inductees in June 2024. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Gary Serviss at garyserviss10@gmail.com or 613-687-0021.

Schedule of Events

5:00 - Doors Open

5:00 - 6:00 - Cocktails + Hors D'oeuvres

6:00 - 8:00 - Ceremony Begins

- 1. Land Acknowledgement**
- 2. Opening Remarks - Sean Chase**
- 3. Emcee - Hec Clouthier**
- 4. Greetings from Greg Sarazin - Chief of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation**
- 5. Greetings from Col. Jason Guiney, 4 CDSG Commander, Garrison Petawawa**
- 6. Greetings from Gary Serviss, Mayor of Petawawa**
- 7. Video Presentation**
- 8. Induction Class of 2024**

Lloyd Mohns

Plaque presented by Hec Clouthier

Accepted on behalf of Lloyd Mohns by his daughter Sue Mohns

Petawawa Indians Baseball Club

Plaque presented by Hec Clouthier

Accepted by Doug Higgins, Ron Radke and Tim Clouthier

Ben Rutz

Plaque presented by Hec Clouthier

Mike Trauner

Plaque presented by Dr. Mike Crouzat

- 9. Musical Performance by Ben Rutz and Gillan Rutz**
- 10. Conclusion of Ceremony**
- 11. Unveiling of Plaques at the Wall of Fame**
- 12. Guests mingle upstairs**



Lloyd Mohns

Sports

Lloyd Mohns was born on July 31, 1921 in Petawawa. As a youngster, Lloyd spent many afternoons skating on the frozen river with his school mates and brothers, honing his talents with the dream of playing in the NHL one day. At the age of 12 Lloyd put his hockey dreams on hold and took a job in the lumber camps alongside his brother, to help make ends meet for the family. By 1939 Lloyd had jumped back into hockey and played three seasons of junior with the Pembroke Lumber Kings of the OVJHL. Lloyd was a solid blue liner with the club who never turned down an opportunity to mix it up with his opponents. The coach was so impressed with Lloyd that he was instrumental in getting him signed to a pro contract with the New York Rovers in 1942. It was off to Broadway for Lloyd who had previously never left the Ottawa Valley. Lloyd played with the New York Rovers of the Eastern Amateur Hockey League (farm team for the New York Rangers) before getting the call up to the big club. On January 9, 1944 Lloyd recognized his boyhood dream as he suited up for the New York Rangers at Madison Square Gardens against the mighty Montréal Canadiens. Lloyd would only play a single game with the Rangers and finished that season with the New York Rovers and Brooklyn Crescents of the EAHL. In the 1944-45 season, Lloyd spent time with the Hershey Bears of the International-American Hockey League and the New York Rovers and Philadelphia Falcons of the EAHL. Lloyd would make stops back in Pembroke, with the Oakland Oaks of the PCHL and Brantford Indians of the OHA Senior League to finish out his playing career. Following his hockey career, Lloyd moved to the Sudbury area to work for INCO, but was always proud of his Petawawa roots.



Mike Trauner

MMV., SM., CD., ComComm1

Para Athlete

MCpl Mike Trauner was born on November 29 th , 1979 and grew up in Sudbury Ontario. Mike was posted to Petawawa in 1999 and served in the military for 19 years as an infantry soldier, Paratrooper, LAV Crew Commander, Section Commander and Instructor at the Third Battalion the Royal Canadian Regiment CFB Petawawa and has served in Bosnia and Afghanistan. While on deployment to Afghanistan in 2008, MCpl Trauner stepped on a roadside bomb resulting in the loss of both his legs, suffered three fractures to his left arm and twenty-five breaks to his left hand. He also received burns, had his right thumb reattached and also suffered nerve damage throughout his body and even had a small fragment of shrapnel that was imbedded in his left eye.

Repairing MCpl Trauner required 18 major surgeries and 18 blood transfusions. He died twice from his wounds and had to be placed on life support in order to keep him stable and alive. MCpl Trauner and his wife Leah spent 13 months in Ottawa at the Ottawa Rehabilitation Center learning to walk and live again. After only 69 days Mike took his first steps and shortly after completed the 5km Army Run.

Mike has earned the Medal Of Valour for heroism while in Afghanistan, presented to him by the Governor General, the Sacrifice Medal for the loss of limb and life and won the award for Top Canadian 2011 which he received at Parliament Hill. Mike and his wife Leah were also presented the Queens Diamond Jubilee award for their charitable work around the community.

Mike and his wife Leah continue to contribute to their nation by helping charities and groups such as Soldier On, Reno's For Heroes, True Patriot Love Foundation, Camp Maple Leaf, The Ottawa Rehabilitation Center and the Ottawa Hospital, The Military Casualty Support Foundation and multiple schools including Cambrian College which he is an ambassador.

Mike represented Team Canada at the recent September 2017 Invictus Games in Toronto after being challenged by Prince Harry to join Team Canada. He competed in both Rowing and Cycling, winning double gold medals for Canada which were presented to him by Prince Harry. Mike was then asked to apply for the Olympic/Paralympic try-outs where he was introduced to paddling and competed in outrigger VL3 canoe racing. In 2018, Mike was the Provincial and National Champion Gold Medalist and took Bronze at both the 2018 and 2019 ParaPanAmerican and ParaCanoe Championships held in Dartmouth Nova Scotia and Sao Paulo Brazil in VL3 canoe.

Mike narrowly missed qualifying for the Tokyo Paralympics and in 2021 he officially retired from Canoe Kayak CANADA. In 2022, Mike took up racing on a Para Handcycle and in his first year he managed to double silver medal in Montréal at Defi De Sportif. He finished off his 2022 season competing at World Cups in Quebec City finishing with an 11th place finish. And then in 2023 he competed in Edmonton at the National Para Cycling Championships and secured double Bronze Medals. He is presently training and competing in para cycling with the hope of qualifying for the 2024 Paris Paralympics.



Ben Rutz

Entertainment

Ben Rutz was born December 7th, 1986 and was raised in Petawawa, Ontario. Ben is now residing in Bedford, Nova Scotia. Ben has been and still is the live touring fiddle and mandolin player for multi-platinum selling, Juno and CCMA award winning recording artist Johnny Reid.

Ben is a six time Canadian Country Music Association Award nominee for Fiddle Player of the Year with countless Ontario Junior Fiddle Championships under his belt. Ben was only 17 years old in 2004 when he had the tremendous opportunity to back Johnny Reid at the Grand Ole Opry Ryman Stage in Nashville, TN. In 2010, Ben released his self-titled debut album, which was produced by Cape Breton's own Stuart Cameron. It features a vocal performance by Johnny Reid and musical performances by members of the Matthew Good Band.

Over the past number of years, Ben has toured and or recorded with Johnny Reid, George Canyon, Terri Clark, Jimmy Rankin, Jason Blaine, The Stella's and Glass Tiger to name a few. Ben has also been a part of many tours with Johnny Reid, as well as the band The Stella's as supporting acts for The Eagles, Brad Paisley, the Zac Brown Band, Taylor Swift, The Tragically Hip, Martina McBride, Little Big Town, Dwight Yoakam, Kenny Chesney, REBA and Bryan Adams. He has toured across North America, Europe and Australia with Johnny Reid. Ben has been a part of countless live national radio and television broadcasts such as the JUNO Awards, The Canadian Country Music Awards, The Genie Awards, The Marilyn Denis Show, CBC, CTV and CMT Canada programming.

Over the years, Ben taught music to the Kindergarten-9th grade students of the Renfrew County Catholic School Board and was awarded "Educator of the Year" in 2021/2022. Ben is presently a full time ESL educator at the Bedford Academy. Ben is a proud family man, he and his wife Meredith have 2 beautiful children: Carwyn (7) and Giada (5) and are thrilled to be a part of the Bedford, Nova Scotia community. Ben continues to tour with Johnny Reid across North America and in Europe.



Petawawa Indians Baseball Club

Builder

The Petawawa Indians Baseball Club was formed in 1936 by Petawawa residents, as well as visiting workers from the forest industry and the railway. This enthusiastic group of volunteers were instrumental in starting the team and building the first ball field at the end of present day Russell Street behind the original town garage. The name was chosen to honour the town's indigenous heritage and because many of the original team members were proud of their indigenous background. Shortly after building the ball field and forming the team the Petawawa Indians played in the Quad Town Baseball League and the North Renfrew Baseball League, winning many championships over the years. Eventually a new ballfield was constructed, once again by volunteers, beside the railway tracks near the present day Norman Behnke Hall. Throughout the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s the games were consistently attended by over a thousand fans helping to build community spirit. During the late 1950s and early 1960s the club began to actively promote and develop junior baseball programs. Many of the baseball club members would coach in the minor ball leagues which resulted in an increase in popularity in youth participation in baseball and provided a healthy activity for local youth. In the early 50s past and present members of the team donated their time and funding to build a new park on Victoria Ave on land donated by the Mohns' family. The new ballpark consisted of the main ball field plus two minor league ball diamonds for youth. In the winter time the home run fence was then converted to boards for an outdoor rink in the outfield. Today the park is known as the "Mohns Memorial Park". Over the years the Petawawa Indians junior, senior and old timer ball teams have established themselves among the elite teams in the province through their success in major tournaments. They won 15 titles in the North Renfrew Baseball League in 1947, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 67, 70, 75, 76, 77, 82, 83, 90 and 2022. They also won the Eastern Ontario Championship in 1978, 83 and 92 and were runner up at the Canadian Nationals in 1991. The Petawawa Indians Baseball Club was an integral part of the history of Petawawa and was fundamental in creating early community spirit and building a baseball legacy that has endured to the present day.

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