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From the Office of Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton:

On behalf of Town Council, Town of Port Hawkesbury, Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton is pleased to announce the 2025 inductees for the Port Hawkesbury Sports Wall of Fame. From an outstanding list of nominations, the Board has chosen two athletes and one builder.

Hughie MacDougall

We are honoured to induct Hughie MacDougall into the Sports Wall of Fame as a Builder, in recognition of his exceptional dedication and lasting impact on youth sport in our community. Over a coaching career spanning more than 25 years, Hughie led teams to an incredible seven provincial championships—six in baseball and one in hockey—highlighted by back-to-back midget provincial titles in 1984 and 1985, with an Atlantic Championship win in 1984 and a runner-up finish in 1985. His success continued with an Intermediate A provincial title in 1986, a Bantam D championship in 1991, Senior C hockey championships in 1995/96, and Midget A and AA titles in 2016 and 2017. But Hughie's legacy extends far beyond wins. A pillar of Strait Area Minor Baseball, he was known for his tireless commitment to his players, often driving across the region to ensure every child made it to practice or games—creating not just teams, but unforgettable memories in the van rides along the way. Hughie MacDougall exemplifies what it means to be a true builder in sport—through leadership, dedication, and a deep care for his community.

Marcy MacNeil

We are proud to induct Marcy MacNeil into the Sports Wall of Fame as an Athlete in recognition of her outstanding dedication, talent, and achievement in sport. Marcy's athletic journey is marked by excellence at every level, including five appearances at the ACAA Championships and a title win in the 2021-22 season. She earned national recognition with a gold medal in Unified Sports Basketball at the 2019 Toronto Games and was a key contributor to her team's NSSA Highland Division 2 championships from 2017 to 2019. Her leadership and character were equally impressive, earning her the Niki King Scholar Athlete Award in 2015, a nomination for the Ron O'Flaherty Award in 2019, and the NSSAF Award for Exemplary Participation in Sport that same year. A recipient of the prestigious Lieutenant Governor Award, Marcy was recruited by five universities and chose to pursue both her academic and athletic career at MSVU, where she continued to shine as a student-athlete. Her legacy is one of perseverance, excellence, and inspiration, and we are honoured to celebrate her accomplishments.

Trish Little

We are proud to induct Trish Little into the Sports Wall of Fame as an exceptional multi-sport athlete whose passion and dedication left a lasting impact on her community. Trish competed at the varsity level in both basketball and soccer at SAERC and UPEI, where she was a key part of UPEI's conference championship basketball teams and competed at multiple U Sports national tournaments. In addition to her success on the court and field, she was a long-distance runner in track and field, regularly qualifying for regional and provincial championships, and continued her love of sport later in life through marathons and triathlons. Trish also spent over two decades involved in English-style horse riding as a hunter/jumper and later gave back through coaching roles in basketball and soccer. Her contributions are honoured in the Tiger Mackie Annual Old Timer's Tournament—named after her grandfather—where the women's division is named in her memory. Trish Little's legacy as a dedicated athlete, teammate, and mentor continues to inspire future generations.

Youth Awards will be presented as part of the 2025 induction ceremonies. The award recognizes the contribution of youth who have attained prominence and distinction in any field of sport and who have made a major contribution to the development of sport in Port Hawkesbury. In 2025, the Town of Port Hawkesbury Sports Wall of Fame will honour Ella Barlett and Chad Richards.

The Port Hawkesbury Sports Wall of fame is pleased to announce that we plan to formally recognize Bill Dunphy for his contribution in exceptional local sport media coverage in the Strait Area.

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