

Speaking Notes – Sports Hall of Fame Inductions

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Good evening everybody. I'm thrilled to welcome you here to the Civic Centre for the 2016 Sault Ste. Marie Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. It's a great honour for me to participate and I am very glad to be joining you.

Tonight, we are recognizing the achievements of two more of Sault Ste. Marie's great sports figures: Don Missere and Tina Breed.

Though Sault Ste. Marie is in some ways a small community, there is no question that we have a knack for producing athletes, coaches and builders who have gone on to great success. People from the Soo have achieved tremendous success in a wide variety of sports and sporting roles.

This year's inductees reflect this diversity. Don attained renown as a champion golfer, in a competitive career spanning more than five decades. He was also instrumental in developing the Crimson Ridge Golf Course.

Tina, for her part, is a long-time equestrian coach who has coached, local, provincial, national and international riders. She has also been a judge with Equine Canada, as well as the operator of Near North Farm.

What tonight's inductees share in common, is that throughout their sporting careers and on all stages where they have competed or had involvement they have represented Sault Ste. Marie with distinction.

It is a great privilege for me to be able to help commemorate the achievements of our two inductees this evening. I'd like to offer my thanks to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for their work in organizing tonight's celebration. I'd also like to recognize all of the other City staff who helped to make this evening a success.

I also want to mention and thank the Hall of Fame Selection Committee for their work in selecting this year's nominees. As I mentioned previously, Sault Ste. Marie has produced an incredible number of talented athletes and accomplished coaches and builders. This makes choosing inductees a very difficult task, but without question the committee has chosen very well with this year's selections.

To Don and Tina, on behalf of the Office of Mayor and our City Council, please accept my sincere congratulations on being inducted into the Sault Ste. Marie Sports Hall of Fame. You have been remarkable ambassadors for our community and your respective accomplishments in sport have brought great pride to our citizens.

The lasting recognition of being inducted into the hall of fame has been well-earned in both of your cases, and it is my hope that you—as well as your families and friends—feel suitably proud to be acknowledged in this way.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak tonight. Please enjoy the rest of the evening.