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Cambridge Sports Awards Seeks Nominations

Deadline is September 11th, 2009

Cambridge, Ontario. August 27, 2009.....Join the ranks of accomplished athletes like Olympian Leigh Hobson as the City of Cambridge recognizes sports achievement. The 36th annual sports awards banquet will again pay tribute to local athletes and nominations are needed by September 11th.

"The deadline is fast approaching and we need to hear from the community as to who should be considered," says Bill Kirby, Chair of the volunteer Sports Awards Committee. "Citizens can play an important role in recognizing the dedication, sacrifice, and accomplishments of our local athletes by submitting a nomination."

There are a few considerations when bringing forward your nomination:

- Recipients must be participating in athletic capacity (as opposed to coaching, or managing)
- The athlete must have the City of Cambridge as their principal residence or a prior Cambridge connection; having resided in Cambridge or participated as a member of a Cambridge sports team

The prestigious awards are open to both male and female athletes who participate at any competition level. There are a number of categories including Sports Contributor, Sports Team of the Year, High School Team of the Year and Sports Organization of the Year.

Past winners of the Amateur Athlete of the Year award include Olympic athletes such as last year's winner Leigh Hobson. A Cambridge resident, Leigh was honoured for her performance at the 2008 Beijing Olympics as she turned out the best finish of any North American in the women's road cycling event. Hobson says, "I was surprised and thrilled to receive Cambridge's Athlete of the Year award. I've spent many years cycling on the roads of this region in preparation for the Beijing Olympics. To be recognized by the community within which I live and train is very special - not only for myself, but for all those who have supported me on my journey. The Athlete of the Year award is one I will always treasure."

Nomination forms are available online at

http://www.cambridge.ca/community_services/awards_and_bursaries or search 'sports awards' from the main page.

The banquet is slated for November and tickets will go on sale following the completion of the nomination process. It's a very well attended ceremony with an average of 175 people in attendance.

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Hard copies of the nomination forms may be obtained from Community Services by calling Mary Doucette at 519.740.4681 Ext. 4202.

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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