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Event Details for Immediate Release -

**Want to Be in the Know about the Sports Scene In Cambridge?
The Sports Awards Banquet on Nov 4th is the Place to Be**

Cambridge, Ontario. October 24th... Cambridge may have a wonderful mix of arts, entertainment and cultural diversity, however, the City has a great deal of athletic accomplishments to recognize. This tribute will happen at the 38th Annual Sports Awards Banquet on Friday November 4th at 6:30pm at the Cambridge Holiday Inn, 200 Holiday Inn Drive.

"It has been an important tradition for the City of Cambridge to celebrate our local athletes," says Mayor Doug Craig. "This banquet is one way we do it."

The event offers a platform to announce the 'Professional Athlete of the Year', 'Amateur Athlete of the Year', 'Team of the Year' and 'Sports Contributor', as well as naming the 'High School Team' and 'Sports Organization of the Year'.

Another highlight of the evening will be keynote and Marathon runner Peter Von Ewe. Peter will talk about his discovery of sport, as well as the pivotal moment in his life when he learned about the failing health of his twin brother; the journey they would take together would end far too soon.

"He's an inspirational and riveting speaker," says Nicole Cichello, Recreation Co-ordinator at the City on behalf of the Sports Award Committee. "Peter has taken his message of hope to communities throughout the area. It demonstrates that who we are is as much a part of how we set our life's goals."

The Cambridge Sports Award Committee invites community members to join the event. Tickets are still available: \$40 for adults, \$35 for students, and \$20 for youth and may be purchased in person at the Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson Street, at the Community Services Department counter on the Main floor, or by calling (519) 740-4681 ext. 4202.

The event will pay tribute to the following finalists:

Professional Athlete of the Year

Jody Jamieson - Harness Racing

Cambridge Athlete of the Year Finalists

Madeline Gardiner-Gymnastics

Victoria Moors - Gymnastics
Ashley Nichols - Martial Arts
Andy Shields - Cross-Country Skiing
Rob Thomas - Martial Arts
Andrea Watson - Martial Arts
Whitney McClintock - Waterskiing

Athlete of the Year - Honourable Mentions, Masters Category

George Aitkin - Track & Field
Gary Cassel - Track & Field
Tim Dawkins - Swimming
Erin Gregson-Pagan
Peter Mogg - Cyclo-Cross
Greg Streppel - Swimming
Katherine Willis - Track & Field
Mary Ann Gaskin - Tennis

Athlete of the Year - Honourable Mentions

Amanda Adesso - Martial Arts
Danny Calma - Martial Arts
Matt Chiasson - Golf
Vanessa Cowlan- Ringette
Mitchell Fowler - Martial Arts
Jackie Gaudet - Ringette
Riley Gear - Martial Arts
Mikaela Gerber - Gymnastics
Shamos Hamel - Martial Arts
Kirk Ingham - Martial Arts
Daniel Kechege - Martial Arts
Taljinder Lall - Boxing
Adam Millen - Football
Kerri Morrison - Speed Skating
Kayla Pereira - Martial Arts
Megan Pittaway - Ringette
Andrea Popescu - Martial Arts
Rizza Rabara - Martial Arts
Jordan Sherwood - Track & Field
Jenn Wakefield - Ringette
Jelissa Westney - Track & Field

Team of the Year

Cambridge Lions Bantam Football

High School Team of the Year

Southwood Secondary School Senior Boys Soccer

Sports Organization of the Year

Cambridge Cheer Sport Sharks

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Media are welcome to attend the event.

Please RSVP to:

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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 2010, the population reached over 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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