



# **80+ Hockey Hall of Fame**

## **Temple de renommée du hockey 80+**

### **Annual Report**

**Year ending January 31, 2024**

**The 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame / Le Temple de la renommée du hockey 80+** was created in 2011 to recognize an important milestone in the lives of hockey players who are still playing at age 80 and older, and whose numbers are growing in Canada and North America. Its goal is to encourage seniors to remain active by participating in a sport they enjoy, in addition to sharing good sportsmanship. It should be noted that the members of the Board of Directors represent the Canadian regions. The only activity of the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame / le Temple de la renommée du hockey 80+ is the induction of hockey players aged 80 and over. The intention is to expand to all of Canada.

#### **Ottawa, Ontario, May 6, 2023**

In Ottawa, on May 6, the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame / le Temple de la renommée du hockey 80+ inducted 29 new members, players from Ottawa, North Bay, Pembroke and Whitby. The event took place at the Centre Ice Sports Bar at the Bell Sensplex in Kanata, Ontario. Earlier that day, a game between the Blue and Yellow Teams, candidates for induction, attracted many family members and friends, proud to applaud these grandfathers aged 80 and over who were having fun playing hockey, their favorite sport.

At the banquet that followed, the induction ceremony was conducted by the Board of Directors. The candidates arrived to the sound of bagpipes. They were then admitted one after the other and knighted by Herb Brennan, President, using an old wooden hockey stick. It is always a touching ceremony, appreciated by members of the inductees' families, especially their grandchildren.

#### **Gatineau, October 14, 2023**

The Gatineau 2023 induction took place on Saturday, October 14 at the Complexe Branchaud-Brière and at the Château Cartier hotel for the induction of 28 candidates



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and from Gatineau, Ontario's Outaouais, the region of Montreal and even one candidate Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Innovations were introduced. In addition to the induction candidates' hockey match, a friendly match pitted the grandfathers, inducted players aged 80 and over, and the grandsons, young players aged 8 to 11. In another friendly match, Les Grands Flos aged 75 and over met the Thunder Blades, women players aged 50 and over. The induction ceremony itself was held during a banquet at the Château Cartier led by Raymond Chauvet, Secretary-Treasurer of the Temple and Gratien Allaire, Coordinator of Les Grands Flos team. It included a first, the induction of Manon Plouffe, a BUILDER from Chelsea, recognized for her work in women's hockey for seniors and retirees. Around 200 guests, family and friends, were present for the presentation of the candidates.

The event benefited from the financial support of several federal, provincial and municipal political figures, as well as several local sponsors. Extensive fundraising paid for the costs of the event, and the experience will be used to prepare for an induction planned for October 2025.

### **Funding**

Board members are still looking for a sponsor to cover ongoing administration costs. Loris Bondio, Vice-President, contacted the Calgary Flames organization on this subject. Research and discussions continue.

### **Members of the Board of Directors**

Maurice Marchand, the founding President, completed his last term on January 31, 2022, and was named Honorary President. The new President, Herb Brennen, took office on February 1. Loris Bondio occupies the position of Vice-President, Raymond Chauvet, that of Secretary-Treasurer. Rod Brandvold and Nicolas Matossian became members of the Board during the summer of 2023.