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Sport Calgary Remembers Perry Cavanagh (1959–2026)

Calgary, AB – February 23, 2026 – Sport Calgary is deeply saddened by the passing of **Perry Cavanagh**, a dedicated volunteer and leader whose contributions to youth hockey and amateur sport in Calgary spanned more than 25 years.

Perry was a pillar of Calgary’s amateur sport community. What began as coaching his son’s minor hockey team grew into a lifetime of service that shaped the sport landscape both locally and provincially.

He devoted his time and expertise to numerous organizations, including Hockey Calgary, Hockey Alberta, and the Don Hartman North East Sportsplex Society. Perry joined the **Sport Calgary Board** in 2013 and provided strong leadership as **Chair from 2015 to 2019**, guiding the organization with integrity, passion, and a steadfast commitment to creating opportunities for athletes, volunteers, and sport clubs across the city.

Perry Cavanagh embodied the very best of community sport – selfless service, integrity, and a genuine belief in the power of sport to bring people together. We are proud to have counted him among our leaders and will continue to celebrate his legacy in every way we can,” said Jeff Booke, Sport Calgary Board Chair. *“Sport Calgary remembers Perry fondly. We are grateful for his vision, leadership, and unwavering support. His contributions to hockey and sport in Calgary have left a lasting legacy.*

In recognition of his lifelong dedication, Sport Calgary named its **Sport Leadership Award** in Perry’s honour in **2019**. The **Perry Cavanagh Sport Leadership Award** celebrates individuals and organizations demonstrating outstanding leadership in Calgary’s sport community. We will continue to honour Perry’s memory and his contributions through this award, ensuring that his commitment to mentorship, governance, and volunteerism inspires future generations. Most recently, Perry was recognized with the **Robert Clark Legacy Award** at the **2026 Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame (AHHF) Induction Gala**, a testament to his enduring impact on hockey and sport in the province.

Perry's legacy is one of integrity, service, and an unwavering belief in the power of sport to strengthen communities and improve lives. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and members of Sport Calgary, we extend our deepest condolences to Perry's family, friends, and all who were fortunate to work alongside him. His impact on Calgary sport will endure for generations.

About Sport Calgary

Sport Calgary is Calgary's leading advocate and driver for the growth of sport in the city. The organization provides opportunities and support for partners while ensuring that sport remains a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for everyone. Through advocacy, programs, and initiatives, Sport Calgary strengthens community sport, promotes participation, and celebrates leadership and volunteerism that enhance the quality of life for all Calgarians.

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