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Attack Boost Rec Centre Fund, Honors Manager

(Owen Sound, ON) The Owen Sound Attack Hockey Club has pledged \$50,000 in honour of its long time business manager, Ray McKelvie, toward the new regional recreation centre under construction in Owen Sound.

Attack ownership group member Frank Coulter announced the pledge, Saturday, during the hockey club's annual barbecue for players and fans at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre. Coulter also presented a \$10,000 installment on the pledge to fund-raising co-chair Sonya Mount.

"On behalf of the Owen Sound Attack Ownership Group, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the citizens of Grey-Bruce for making our Memories of Elvis fundraiser a great success," Coulter stated. "Health and Recreation are two very important elements in our community and our organization is very enthused to show our support for this community and its people through substantial charitable donations," he said.

Construction began in March on the \$38.6 million, 125,000 sq. ft. new and improved regional recreation centre. It will house two NHL-sized ice rinks, a health and fitness centre, a walking/running track and two pools, one competitive-sized and one for leisure and therapy.

The Attack gift honours McKelvie who is a distinguished Owen Sound sportsman and organizer. As a result, recreation centre fund-raisers have agreed to name the arena lobby for McKelvie. It is the first of many naming opportunities to be taken up in the new centre.

"Ray McKelvie has long been a supporter of Minor Sports in this region and it is only fitting that he is honored for his work in this community for years to come," Coulter said. "Ray and his wife, Georgina's contributions to this community and its sporting environment will live on forever at the new Regional Recreation Centre. This is a very fitting tribute to a family who has done so much for so many years."

The Attack gift adds to more than \$1.25 million in donations and pledges to date from more than 80 donors. It's part of a \$5 million, YMCA-led, community campaign to complete financing for the project which also includes participation by federal, provincial and municipal governments.

"This donation from the Attack recognizes the contributions of the past while making an investment in the future," campaign co-chair Sonya Mount said in a statement. "It is fitting that the first naming opportunity be made with this joint message in mind," Mount said. "Once again the organization has demonstrated their commitment to the community and the residents of this region," she said.

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“It is wonderful that the Attack organization has stepped up to the plate and is giving back to the community that has supported the team,” campaign co-chair Tom Rice said. “The recognition of Ray McKelvie is the icing on the cake. It is well-deserved and is the premier use of a naming opportunity available in the capital campaign. Our committee is extremely grateful for the gift which provides continuing momentum for our campaign,” Rice said.

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