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Niagara-on-the-Lake Hosts 2025 Sports Wall of Fame Ceremony

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Niagara-on-the-Lake is proud to host the annual Sports Wall of Fame Ceremony, an event that recognizes individuals who have made remarkable contributions to the Town's sports community or achieved outstanding athletic accomplishments.

The Town is pleased to announce the 2025 inductees:

- The late Mike Kappel: Remembered as an accomplished rower and four-time Canadian wrestling representative.
- **David Mines:** A lifelong Niagara-on-the-Lake resident who has dedicated over 40 years to growing hockey and lacrosse in the community.

The public is warmly invited to attend this special celebration, honouring these individuals who have played a pivotal role in shaping Niagara-on-the-Lake's vibrant sporting culture.

Event Details:

- Date: Friday, August 22, 2025
- Location: Meridian Credit Union Arena (1567 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil) Front Lobby
- **Time:** Social begins at 5:00 p.m. (includes food and drinks); ceremony starts at 6:00 p.m.
- RSVP: Registration is not required

Quotes:

"The Sports Wall of Fame celebrates those who have made outstanding contributions to sport in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Active living and athletics are woven into the fabric of our community, and we are proud to honour that spirit. On behalf of Town Council, congratulations to the late Mike Kappel and his family and David Mines on their well-earned induction." – Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa

"Each year, this celebration reminds us of the vital role sports play in bringing our community together. Thank you to Town Staff and the Sports Wall of Fame Committee for their continued dedication in making this event a success!" – CAO Bruce Zvaniga

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