

# Town of Riverview

## COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor and Town Council

Presented by: Parks, Recreation, Facilities & Community Relations

Date: March 6, 2024

Subject: Sports Wall of Fame Class of 2024 Inductees

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Riverview Sports Wall of Fame and Committee were developed in 2012 by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Relations. The program recognizes individuals or teams from Riverview and the surrounding area who have achieved prominence and excellence in sports, as well as those who have significantly contributed to the growth and progress of sports in Riverview.

The Wall of Fame is located in the lower mezzanine of the Byron Dobson Memorial Arena. To date, there have been 3 induction ceremonies held in 2015, 2017 and 2023. Complete information about each of the classes and the inductees can be found online at [www.townofriverview.ca/swof](http://www.townofriverview.ca/swof)

The Sports Wall of Fame Committee is composed of 6 community members (1 chair, 5 members) and 1 staff liaison. The responsibilities of the committee include:

- Organizing open calls annually to the public and organizations for the nomination of candidates eligible for selection;
- Organizing and staging an annual induction for new members
- Acting as trustees of all records and possessions of the Sports Wall of Fame;
- Reviewing candidates and selecting inductees into the Sports Wall of Fame;

The Class of 2024 Riverview Sports Wall of Fame Inductees as selected by the Committee are:

1. **Bloyce F. Bulman** (posthumous)- Athlete- Football, Drafted to Montreal's CFL Team
2. **Robert "Buzz" Betts** (posthumous), Builder- Various Sports, CANUSA Games
3. **Lesley Smyth**- Athlete- Swimming, Canadian Olympic Trials & Builder- Various Sports
4. **Jeremy Steeves**- Athlete- Football, Played for Edmonton's CFL Team

The Class of 2024 Inductees will be honoured at the Recognizing Riverview Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at the Riverview Arts Centre. Each inductee/family member of inductee is presented with a mini replica of their plaque that will be added to the Sports Wall of Fame. The plaque design includes the achievements of the inductee, a photo sketch of the inductee by local artist Marc Little and the year of induction.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

Legal: N/A

Financial: N/A

Policy: n/a

Stakeholders: Sports Wall of Fame Committee, Residents, Inductees/Family Member, Community Groups, Staff

Strategic Plan: *Active and Engaged Community*

Communication Plan: N/A

Recommendation of Staff –

Based on the Committee’s selection, Mayor LeBlanc to make announcement at the RCM of March 13, 2024 that the Sports Wall of Fame Class of 2024 Inductees are to be as follows: Bloyce F. Bulman, Robert “Buzz” Betts, Lesley Smyth, Jeremy Steeves.