



Media Advisory

Sport Aurora Athlete of the Year announced

Top scorer to be honoured during October 27 'Breakfast of Champions'

WHAT:

AURORA (October 15, 2018): Sport Aurora's 2018 Athlete of the Year is 19-year-old Robert Thomas. A member of Hockey Canada's 2018 gold medal team (IIHF men's under-20 championships), Thomas is the third athlete to receive this title and will be honoured at the Mayor's Breakfast of Champions.

Thomas played minor hockey for York Simcoe Express, until being picked up by the London Knights in the 2015 Ontario Hockey League draft. From there, he played two seasons, and was then traded to Hamilton where he helped the Bulldogs win the OHL championship and a berth in the 100th Memorial Cup.

He was also among the league's leading scorers. In 2017-18, he logged 24 goals and 51 assists between the Knights and the Bulldogs during the regular season, and then led Hamilton in playoff scoring with 32 points.

Breakfast of Champions is an annual multi-sport event that celebrates, rewards, and publicizes the achievements of individuals or teams, and their coaches/managers, who have won Provincial championships (or better) within their sports.

This will be Sport Aurora's seventh annual Mayor's Breakfast of Champions, which will include 11 teams and more than 120 athletes and coaches. The event is sponsored by the Mayor's office.

During this sold-out breakfast, the audience will be entertained by ex-NHLer Jim Thomson (the emcee), as well as keynote speaker Dan Thompson.

A Canadian and world record holder in the butterfly, Thompson won numerous medals during the 1970s and 1980s, both locally and internationally (World Student Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan-Am Games). He is also a member of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame.

WHO:

Mayor Dawe, 11 teams, more than 120 coaches and athletes, sports and recreation leaders

WHERE:

King's Riding Golf Club, 14700 Bathurst Street, King City

WHEN:

Saturday October 27th, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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About Sport Aurora:

Founded in 2005, Sport Aurora is a not-for-profit corporation that supports and develops high-quality sport and recreation opportunities. They advocate on behalf of member organizations to increase participation, build capacity and celebrate excellence. Sport Aurora now represents 31 sport organizations, with a volunteer base of more than 2,500, and a player base of nearly 10,000 from ages of 3 to 80. Sport Aurora has also helped develop the municipal Parks and Recreation Master Plan, continues to provide leadership and guidance, and has become the "voice" of Sport in the Town of Aurora. For more information, visit <http://www.sportaurora.ca/>

About Activate Aurora:

Activate Aurora is on a mission: to make Aurora "Canada's Most Active Community" through education, activities and awareness. This Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) funded program was designed by Sport Aurora with the guidance of the Canadian Sport for Life Society, and is endorsed – and supported – by the Mayor's Task Force on Physical Activity. The Activate Aurora team includes representatives from diverse areas of interest: local sports organizations, education, parks & recreation, seniors and health care. For more information, visit <https://activateaurora.com/>