

Our Olympians will carry their experience forever



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I run as if in sand now, like I am climbing a steep incline while shouldering an immense load.

When the hound and I make an intemperate dash across the street, drivers come to a complete halt, unnerved by the spectacle.

Yet, there was a time when a Nova Scotian man bearing my name outran racehorses and was swift enough in the outfield in the old colliery baseball league, where he once made 17 putouts in a single game, that no batted ball seemed beyond his reach.

I used to have a picture of a long-ago road race in Glace Bay. In it the runners are in a pack, halfway down the street, except for Clarence "Flash" Demont — somewhere along the line, my side of the clan began to capitalize the M — who is so far ahead that he almost disappears from the picture frame.

In my memory his legs are a blur, which was probably just a function of the photography of the day, but I have always chosen to believe it was because they were simply moving so fast.

According to his obituary in the Toronto Star, in 1913 my grandfather ran the hundred yard dash in 9.6 seconds, which, at that time, would have tied the world record in the planet's marquee track event.

If this were so, it is fully foreseeable that he would have been part of the team that represented Canada in the 1916 Olympic Games, which would have been held in Berlin, were they not cancelled because of the Great War.

Family lore has it that he would have been part of the 1920 games, except it would have meant losing his job as a pressman for the Glace Bay Labour Gazette, something no one would contemplate in the harsh

Cape Breton economy in the early part of the last century.

By all accounts, Flash Demont's ensuing life was a good one: a happy marriage, a trio of sporty sons. His own athletic feats did not end with that long-ago road race.

As his entry in the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame reads, he was a rugged defenceman in the Cape Breton Hockey League and was also the local amateur welterweight wrestling champion.

At one point, Flash wrestled Don MacDonald, the world middleweight champion, to a draw at the Cape Breton Exhibition Grounds, a testament, my dad always contended, to those incredible legs he used to trap MacDonald in an unescapable leg-scissor hold.

I see him as a pillar of the community, rising to be production supervisor at the paper, acting as the local boxing commissioner, reading the Boston Globe as he strolled home to York Street from the old newsstand on Senator's Corner, though a Baptist, surreptitiously arranging the bingo with the local Catholic priest. ("Be's there bingo tonight," callers would ask my puzzled grandmother when she sometimes answered the phone.)

From everything I've heard, he was happy with his small-town life. Even so, I wonder if there was a pang of regret, a fleeting glimpse of what might have been, reading about the Summer Olympics that took place 101 years ago, in a time also haunted by pandemic.

I thought about Flash on Friday as the small contingent of mask-wearing Canadian athletes paraded into Olympic stadium in Tokyo.

Ten of our representatives are from Nova Scotia: veterans like three-time Olympians Ellie Black, the gymnast, and Mark de Jonge, the kayaker, and Jacob Saunders, the sailor making his second appearance, but also canoe/kayakers Michelle Russell, and Connor Fitzpatrick, Oliver Bone, the sailor, shot putter Sarah Mitton, hoopster Shay Colley,



Family lore has it that Clarence 'Flash' Demont could have gone to the Olympics.

boxer Wyatt Sanford and Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu, who competes as an equestrian.

When I asked Karen Furneaux, who competed in sprint kayaking for Canada in three Olympics, what the 10 Nova Scotians would be thinking at the start of the competition, she said, lots of things.

For those involved in the opening ceremony, as Furneaux has been three times, "a feeling of arrival and of new potential." This year, she suspects, that feeling is deeper than ever before, as the athletes, like everyone during the pandemic, have had to show such resilience to get to this point.

There is always the nervousness that comes from knowing that all of your efforts — everything that

you've done for all those years while sacrificing so much — comes down to this "showcase piece," when "you must bring everything into alignment to be at your absolute personal best in this moment in time."

You can see it on their faces, when they march into the Olympic stadium, she said: the first-timers, in sports where a few thousand is a large crowd, suddenly surrounded by 60,000 as she was in 2008, at the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Games.

But for so many athletes, competing in sports where it is impossible to go professional, the Olympics is the absolute pinnacle. Sport for sport's sake.

What is more, the postponement of the 2020 games meant that a lot of athletes who were contemplating retirement were pushed to extend their careers for another year, culminating in 12 more months away from family, friends and getting on with the next stage of their lives.

All of this makes it hard to truly "enjoy" your Olympic moment, while in the moment.

"The intention there is to perform and compete and be part of that team," Furneaux told me from Tokyo.

Afterwards, though, being an Olympian stays with you always.

Furneaux, who has gone on to be a motivational speaker and performance coach, says that she carries the "Olympic ideals" — doing your best in whatever you do, being resilient in tough times — "with her everyday."

It is nice to think that my grandfather, if he did indeed almost run for Olympic glory, would have felt the same way.

It is nicer still to think that our own Olympians of 2021 will always remember that in a challenging moment they stood on the world's athletic stage, giving us all something to cheer about.

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Ex-King's prof pleads not guilty to latest charges

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A former professor at the University of King's College in Halifax has pleaded not guilty to sex-related charges involving two young men.

Wayne John Hankey, 76, of Halifax faces two counts each of indecent assault on a male and gross indecency.

Police allege Hankey abused one of the complainants between May 1977 and December 1979 and the other in September 1982.

The offences were allegedly committed on the King's campus and at a home in Halifax and were reported to police earlier this year.

Investigators laid charges of sexual assault and indecent assault in April and amended the allegations before Hankey's arraignment in June.

Defence lawyer Stan MacDonald entered the not-guilty pleas on behalf of Hankey during a video appearance in Halifax provincial court Friday.

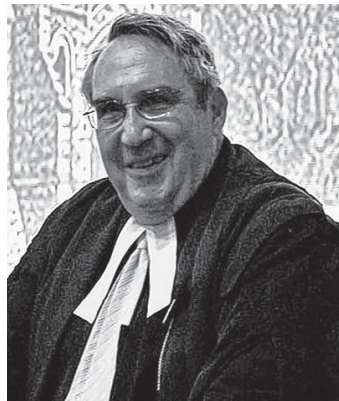
Counsel will return to court Aug. 17 to set dates for the trial, which is expected to sit for at least four days.

In February, Halifax Regional Police announced Hankey had been charged with sexually assaulting a young man in a student residence at King's in March 1988. Police said that complainant reported the incident to them last September.

Hankey pleaded not guilty to that charge in provincial court in March and will stand trial in March 2022.

The identities of all three complainants are protected by publication bans. Hankey, a former Anglican priest, retired from King's in 2015 but continued to lecture at neighbouring Dalhousie University until the criminal charges were laid.

King's and the Anglican Church disciplined Hankey in 1991 after a for-



Wayne John Hankey, a former professor at the University of King's College, pleaded not guilty through his lawyer Friday to charges of sexually abusing two young men between 1977 and 1982. **FILE**

mer student complained he had been sexually abused while attending the university. An ecclesiastical court convicted him of immorality and decided to deprive him of his office.

Two Toronto lawyers have been hired by King's to conduct an independent review into the allegations against Hankey and make recommendations on how the school should respond.

Hankey is subject to release conditions from two undertakings to police that he signed in January and April. He had to deposit his passport with police, must remain in Nova Scotia, and is banned from having contact with the three alleged victims and one other potential Crown witness, a woman.

He also agreed to stay away from any school, education centre, college, university or church where anyone under the age of 25 is likely to be present.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Halifax Regional Municipality Notices will generally appear each Saturday in this section of the newspaper. Readers are still encouraged to look throughout the paper for information which might appear in a different section or on another day.

NOTICE OF SECOND READING BY-LAW U-106, RESPECTING USER CHARGES

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality will consider the adoption of By-law U-106 at a special meeting of Regional Council to be held on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021** held virtually.

By-law U-106 will amend By-law U-100, Respecting User Charges. The purpose of the amendment is to expand by-law U-100 in order to implement the proposed changes to the recreation programming fees and rental rates.

The Council will receive written submissions from interested persons concerning the above By-law at the **August 17, 2021** session of Council.

Written submissions must be received by the Municipal Clerk's Office no later than 9:00 a.m. on the advertised date. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by fax, 902-490-4208; E-mail, clerks@halifax.ca; or by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5. Please allow sufficient time for delivery given slower than typical mail delivery times during the COVID-19 Pandemic. For more information, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 902-490-4210 or by emailing clerks@halifax.ca.

The staff report and proposed By-law / amendments may be obtained from the Office of the Municipal Clerk by emailing clerks@halifax.ca. Council agendas and reports may also be reviewed online: [halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports?category=127](https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports?category=127)

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL BY-LAW N-206, RESPECTING NOISE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that By-law N-206, Respecting Noise was adopted by Halifax Regional Council on July 20, 2021.

By-law N-206 amends By-law N-200, Respecting Noise. The purpose of the amendment is to create an exemption in the Local Exemptions section of By-law N-200, Respecting Noise to permit entertainment related noise in the Argyle Street Entertainment District, Halifax from 9 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock in the morning the following day, Monday to Sunday.

The text of the amended By-law N-200 may be viewed on the Internet in the Legislation & By-law section at [halifax.ca/city-hall/legislation-by-laws](https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/legislation-by-laws) or copies obtained from the Office of the Municipal Clerk by emailing clerks@halifax.ca, calling 902-490-4210 or faxing 902-490-4208.

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING HARBOUR EAST – MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council intends to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve the following applications:

Case 22487 - Application by Fathom Studio, on behalf of the property owner, requesting to enter into a development agreement on lands at

112 and 114 Wyse Road, Dartmouth to allow a 20-storey mixed use building.

Case 22491 - Application by Zzap Architecture & Planning, on behalf of the property owners, requesting to enter into a development agreement on lands at 46 Maple Street, Dartmouth to allow 20 stacked townhouse-style units.

A virtual public hearing will be held on August 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm. All oral and written submissions will be considered at that time. This meeting will occur in a virtual setting and attending in person is not possible. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions are welcomed and encouraged in advance of the hearing. These submissions are distributed to all Councillors and considered at the time of their decision. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by e-mail, clerks@halifax.ca; by fax, 902-490-4208; or by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5. **Written submissions must be received by the Municipal Clerk's office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on August 5, 2021. Please allow sufficient time for delivery given slower than typical mail delivery times during the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

The virtual public hearing will be webcasted and may be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. For individuals seeking to speak at the hearing, **members of the public may contact the Municipal Clerk's office no later than 4:30pm on August 4, 2021 to be added to the speakers list to speak by telephone.** We encourage all residents who have any desire to speak at the meeting to ask to have their name added to the list. Individuals who do not want to speak at a later time may ask to have their name removed from the speakers list. To be placed on the speakers list, individuals may:

- Send an email to clerks@halifax.ca; or
- Call and leave a voicemail at 902.490.4210; or
- Send a fax to the clerk at 902.490.4208.

In your message, please include the meeting body, the planning case number or civic address, in addition to your name, community of residence, email address, and telephone number. Should you have questions about the process of the virtual public hearing, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at clerks@halifax.ca or 902.490.4210.

Case 22487: Should you have questions about the nature of the application itself, please contact the planner, Dean MacDougall, directly at 902-240-7085 or macdoude@halifax.ca.

Case 22491: Should you have questions about the nature of the application itself, please contact the planner, Jennifer Chapman, directly at 902-225-6742 or chappmaje@halifax.ca.

The staff reports are available on-line at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. If you have questions about how to access the staff report contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk <mailto:clerks@halifax.ca> or 902.490.4210. To arrange for a paper copy of application materials to be sent to you by mail if the internet is unavailable to you, contact the Planner. Further details regarding the application can be found at the following location: www.halifax.ca/planning (Scroll down to Case 22487 or Case 22491).

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