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## **DEAN MCLEOD ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AS OJALL COMMISSIONER**

TORONTO ON – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – Dean McLeod, Commissioner of the Ontario Junior “A” Lacrosse League (OJALL) since 1982, officially announced his retirement in a letter to OJALL Council Chairperson Paul Coates on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

By the time McLeod joined the OJALL to serve as Commissioner, he had already spent a decade and a half of involvement with the Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club; first as the statistician and then eventually serving roles as the General Manager of the junior and senior Excelsiors teams. While in his role as the Commissioner of the OJALL, McLeod continued his involvement with the Ontario Lacrosse and Canadian Lacrosse community, earning numerous awards and accolades for his dedication to the game.

“I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation in being allowed to serve Junior “A” Lacrosse in Ontario and Canada during these many years, and express my sincere gratitude to the great number of outstanding lacrosse minds I worked with over these years; too many to list,” stated McLeod when reflecting on his time as OJALL Commissioner. “It is time to move on and allow this league to put in place a new Commissioner; a younger energetic person who has the same desire that I had when I took this job, to make Junior “A” Lacrosse in Ontario the best place for our young athletes to play each year.”

“Dean has contributed 38 years of experience to the OJALL and over 50 years to the Ontario Lacrosse Association, and his achievements will leave a lasting legacy on the sport. He has held leadership roles across a broad range of the sport, and his devotion, work ethic and focus to Ontario Lacrosse have been exemplary,” said Stan Cockerton, Ontario Lacrosse Association Executive Director. “Dean has been a mentor to many, and his influence has made an indelible impact on generations of players, coaches and volunteers. I want to thank Dean for all he has done for the development and progress of the OJALL.”

The OJALL has begun searching for its [next commissioner](#); applications remain open for the time being. For further information on the OJALL league and the application process, contact league secretary Eva Durie at [fearlessqt@sympatico.ca](mailto:fearlessqt@sympatico.ca).

### About the Ontario Lacrosse Association:

Since 1897, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) has been recognized as the administrative governing body which exists to improve, foster, perpetuate and govern of all levels (youth, junior and senior) and disciplines (box, field and women's field) of lacrosse in the province of Ontario. In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in the “fastest game on two feet.” For more information, contact the Ontario Lacrosse Association at (416) 426-7066 or email [info@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:info@ontariolacrosse.com).

### *Chronological Summary of Involvement: Dean McLeod*

1967	Brampton Excelsiors Junior "B" Statistician
1967 - 1998	Brampton Excelsiors Junior "A" General Manager
1968	Brampton Excelsiors Junior "B" General Manager
1968 - 2018	Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club Board of Directors Member
1979 - 1981	Brampton Excelsiors Major Series General Manager
<b>1982 - 2018</b>	<b>Ontario Junior "A" Lacrosse League Commissioner</b>
1985 - 1986	Canadian Lacrosse Association Vice President
1985 - 1997	Brampton Excelsiors Minor Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Member
1988	Canadian U-19 Field Lacrosse National Team General Manager
1989 - 2018	Canadian Lacrosse Association Box Sector Committee Member
1992 - 1993	Brampton Excelsiors Major Series General Manager
2004 - 2018	Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Eastern Selection Committee Member
2004 - 2018	Ontario Lacrosse Association Audit Committee Member
2007 - 2018	Ontario Lacrosse Life Membership Committee Chairperson

### *Chronological Summary of Individual Awards: Dean McLeod*

1985	Ontario Lacrosse Association: <i>Mr. Lacrosse Award</i>
1989	Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club: <i>Life Membership</i>
1990	Ontario Lacrosse Association: <i>President's Award (20 Years of Service)</i>
1991	Canadian Lacrosse Association: <i>President's Award</i>
1997	Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Induction: <i>Lacrosse Builder</i>
1997	Junior "A" Playoffs MVP Award is officially named the Dean McLeod Award
1998	Ontario Lacrosse Association: <i>Life Membership</i>
1998	Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Induction: <i>Lacrosse Builder</i>
1999	Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Induction: <i>Lacrosse Builder</i>
2012	Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: <i>Diamond Jubilee Award</i>
2017	Ontario Lacrosse Association: <i>Golden Stick Award (50 Years of Service)</i>