
Orillia names Annie Lloyd as 2018 Athlete of the Year

For immediate release (March 4, 2019) – Nineteen-year-old varsity athlete, Annie Lloyd, was named Orillia's 2018 Athlete of the Year at the Council meeting on March 4, 2019.

Annie Lloyd had a standout year in 2018. Lloyd represented Ontario at the 2018 National Women's Field Lacrosse Championship as co-captain. Lloyd competed with Queen's University Women's Lacrosse Team, winning the Ontario University Athletics Championship. Lloyd was also selected as the Ontario University Athletics Offensive Player of the Year.

"I was honoured to be nominated and I am so happy to be able to represent Orillia," said Lloyd following the ceremony.

Nominated by Mark Obee, Lloyd is described as "an exceptional athlete, who is a leader on and off the field. She is respected by her peers and is an excellent coach and mentor for the younger squad. She is recognized for her leadership abilities, hard work, commitment and positive contributions in her selection as Co-Captain of Team Ontario. She is an athlete who younger players admire and aspire to follow, and she volunteers her time back to the sport."

"On behalf of Orillia City Council and the Recreation Advisory Committee, I'd like to congratulate Annie on her outstanding year and thank her for her ongoing commitment to leadership on and off the field. Her dedication and hard work will also serve her well in her other life pursuits," said Mayor Steve Clarke.

Nominees for the 2018 Orillia Athlete of the Year included internationally renowned rower and water skier, Bob Wink, the Orillia Cricket Club stand-out and Man of the Series, Hemant Patel, and multi-sport athlete and member of league championship AA baseball team, Teddy McCollum-Kuntz.

The award winner was selected by a 10-member panel of local judges representing Orillia Secondary School, Twin Lakes Secondary School, Patrick Fogarty Secondary School, the Elementary School Physical Education Council, Orillia Today, Max 89FM, KICX 106FM, the Orillia Y.M.C.A, Orillia Sport Council and the City of Orillia Recreation Advisory Committee.

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Photo cutline: Annie Lloyd was named the 2018 Orillia Athlete of the Year on Monday, March 4, 2019. Lloyd is pictured with Coun. Ralph Cipolla, Coun. David Campbell and Mayor Steve Clarke.