

# HOCKEY HERITAGE

## Norton's teaching talents recognized by Hockey Heritage

Longtime local and provincial youth hockey coach and instructor Dennis Norton was feted by a sold-out crowd of more than 300 at the Acton Legion Monday evening upon receiving the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award.

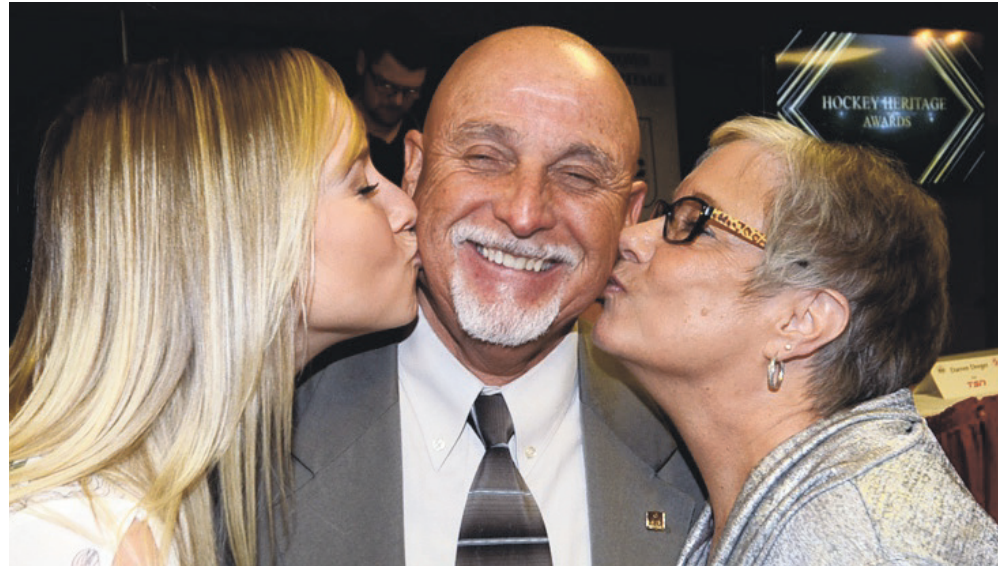
Norton, 63, is the 41st recipient of the award and just the third to be a sibling of an earlier winner. Norton's father, the late Roy Norton Sr., was the 1979 honouree.

Norton, a Glen Williams native, began volunteering in Georgetown Minor Hockey as a youngster in the timekeeper's box before taking on coaching jobs in his teens.

After coaching his sons at various levels and serving on the executive, Norton became the association's lead instructor in its Initiation Program.

He went on to be a point man for the OMHA's IP programs across the province for many years and on Coach Tech Committees to improve coaching certification programs and helped in several other areas.

Among the guest speakers on the evening was Georgetown's own Sarah Fillier, captain of silver-medalist Team Canada at the recent World Women's Under-18 Hockey Championships in Russia.



2018 Georgetown Hockey Heritage winner Dennis Norton receives congratulatory kisses from daughter Brittany and wife Heather after the induction ceremony took place Monday night at the Acton Legion. While Norton was a fixture at local rinks for many years as a coach and IP instructor, he always took time to attend Brittany's cheerleading competitions. The Nortons arrived in style for the annual Hockey Heritage awards dinner, riding in a limousine. *Eamonn Maher photo*



Former NHL director of officiating Bryan Lewis of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council peppered fellow striped shirt Justine Todd with questions about her experiences at the Winter Olympics in South Korea at the awards dinner Monday. Todd, a York Region police officer, is also an Ontario Women's Hockey Association high-performance on-ice official who had some important assignments as a linesman during the women's Olympic hockey tourney, including presiding over the united Korean team's first-ever game, the semifinals involving the U.S. and Finland and the bronze medal match. *Eamonn Maher photo*



TSN's Hockey Insiders Pierre LeBrun (left) and Darren Dreger shared some humorous stories about the NHL's recent trade deadline and answered questions from the audience during Monday's Georgetown Hockey Heritage awards dinner at the Acton Legion. *Eamonn Maher photo*

## Congratulations Dennis Norton

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