

# Pells 'flattered' by Heritage award

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"Not being a Georgetown guy originally, it's very flattering to receive this award and I'm surprised as many people came out for this as they did," he added. "To have people like Junior Tibbits come out to congratulate you— someone I haven't seen in years— was very nice to see."

Pells has been instrumental in establishing development initiatives for the GMHA, including the introductory level CHIP program, as well as a fund to assist underprivileged youths. Pells's name will now grace the championship trophy for the now-thriving 22-team midget/juvenile division, for which he was convenor prior to becoming president.

"When I got involved with (the GMHA), the house league all thought Hal was a rep guy and the rep guys all thought that Hal favoured the house league guys," said Ron Lefebvre, who refers to Pells as 'El Presidenté.'

"What I found out very quickly was that Hal's really just a guy who favours the kids and all of the best interests of the organization."

Looking ahead, Pells said he'd like to see an expansion of the Town of Halton Hills' ice rink facilities and is in preliminary discussions with Acton minor hockey executives about a possible merger with the Georgetown association.

Also during Monday's awards dinner, sponsored in part by the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown, the 2008 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council's Murray Ezeard Memorial Plaque Awards were presented. The award is given posthumously to five people every five years who have made outstanding contributions to local hockey.

Those who will receive recognition on the memorial plaque are: GMHA executive Ed Brown, coach, convenor and Memorial Arena announcer Red Cuthbert, star Intermediate Raider player Nick Ferri, house league coach and convenor Gary Louth, along with GMHA and Jr. B Raider coach Bert Osborne.



Ron Lefebvre, co-chair of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council's 2008 organizing committee, presents Hal Pells with his official Hockey Heritage Award portrait during Monday's 31st annual award dinner at Holy Cross Church. Pells was honoured for his longtime service to minor hockey in Georgetown.

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