

The Constable Royce Isenor Memorial Scholarship Fund



The Saint John Police Force organized and hosted a national gathering of Police Chiefs from across Canada in August 26-30, 2000, which generated surplus funds. The Saint John Police Force and the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners are strong supporters of the young people of Greater Saint John and have decided to use these surplus funds to establish with the Greater Saint John Community Foundation, a permanent endowment fund in memory of the late Constable Royce Isenor. Both former Chief Al Bodechon and his successor Chief Bill Reid, agree Constable Isenor's contributions to his profession and his commitment to the young people of the Greater Saint John area make the establishment of a permanently endowed scholarship fund the right thing to do. It is to be called the Constable Royce Isenor Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Constable Isenor, was a native of Enfield, Nova Scotia, where he grew up with his eight siblings. His mother Mae, is still living in the area. He was well-respected by his peers on the Saint John Force, never losing his enthusiasm or his passion for his chosen profession over his twenty-one year career. He passed away in 1996, leaving his wife Margaret and two young sons, Curtis and Kyle.

A 1975 graduate of the Atlantic Police Academy in P.E.I. he dreamed of a policing career from childhood. In 1975 he joined the Saint John Police Force, becoming one of the forces most well liked and respected officers.

Throughout his career, he took every opportunity to develop and share skills. One of Constable Isenor's fields of expertise was in firearms. He completed courses at the FBI Academy, Smith & Wesson and Ruger, passing on his knowledge to fellow officers and Atlantic Police Academy cadets. He developed and taught programs in self defense, handcuff and baton use. A colleague notes "He was a superb shot, probably the best on the Force." In 1993 he was selected as a member of the tactical unit.



At the family and community level, Constable Isenor was just as dedicated. He could be seen often riding his bike around Quinton Heights, talking to neighbours or in the winter building a rink at the park. He was also an avid hunter. He passed on his love of hockey to his sons, Curtis and Kyle, as well as his legendary passion for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

His wife Margaret says “Royce had an enormous zest for life and enjoyed every minute along the way. He was proud of his accomplishments both professionally and personally. He is still missed greatly by his family, friends and colleagues.”

Earnings shall be used to fund an annual scholarship for high school graduates from the Greater Saint John area entering UNB-Saint John the following fall. The selection will be made based on a combination of academic success, community leadership and financial need. Initially, the foundation shall award a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarship, earnings permitting.

Contributors to the **Constable Royce Isenor Memorial Scholarship Fund** can support scholarships through contributions to the Fund established in his memory at any time. The Greater Saint John Community Foundation is honoured to have been entrusted with this memorial scholarship fund in December, 2008.



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