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## Ceremony to honour a late Yukoner's dedication to sport

WHITEHORSE – A dedication ceremony unveiling a plaque in honour of the late Peter Milner was held today at the Yukon College family residence.

"Peter Milner dreamed big and worked hard to turn his dreams into reality," acting Community Services Minister Glenn Hart said. "His focus was on the education and development of youth, athletes and families. We're pleased to acknowledge Peter's significant contribution to the Yukon sport and recreation community."

In 1991 Milner began working to bring the Canada Winter Games to Yukon. As a result of his sixteen years of planning, inspiring and building, Yukon – together with Northwest Territories and Nunavut – hosted the most successful Canada Winter Games in Games history.

"Each day that we walk into the Canada Games Centre we celebrate a piece of Peter Milner's vision and passion," Hart added. "For those of us who knew and worked with Peter, there are many words to describe him: heart and soul, pillar, positive and respected."

"Peter Milner created a Canada Winter Games legacy for Yukon College," Yukon College president Terry Weninger said. "His dedication to community development was commendable and is seen in the well-used family residence building – part of the former athletes' village."

Milner was Yukon's sport and recreation director and later project manager for the 2007 Canada Winter Games prior to his passing in 2005.

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