

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

The Paul G. Horne Community Arena was officially named in 2005 and unveiled on July 27, 2005, what would have been Paul Grant Horne’s 37th birthday, just a few months after his passing from cancer on April 3, 2005.

Paul, born and raised in Prince Albert, had deep ties to Waskesiu, where his family spent many summers. His mother’s family had a shacktent in the 1950s, and his uncle worked as an electrician for Prince Albert National Park (PANP) in the 1960s. His family enjoyed many outdoor activities: canoeing, camping, golfing, and visiting Grey Owl’s cabin on Ajawaan Lake. In the late 90s, Paul worked seasonally for PANP in Visitor Services and volunteered with the Waskesiu Fire Department.

In 2001, Paul moved to Waskesiu year-round after marrying Bernadette née Case, who works for Parks Canada, and together they had a son, Nicholas, in 2003. The family spent much of their time exploring and enjoying the beauty of Prince Albert National Park, participating in many community events, and volunteering for the Waskesiu and District Recreation Association (“WADRA”).

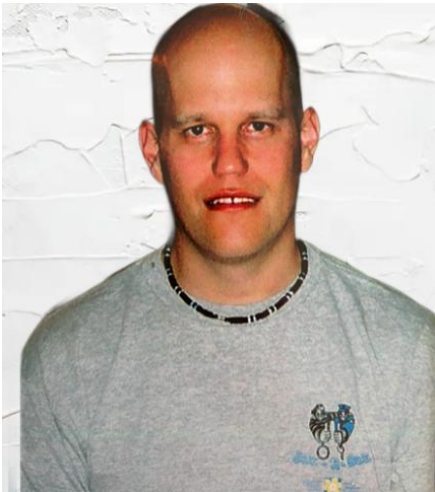
Paul played a pivotal role in revitalizing the arena, which had originally been a curling rink but was no longer in use. In the early 2000s, he spearheaded efforts to transform the facility into a community skating arena. Additionally, Paul was instrumental in restarting the Waskesiu Whiskey Jack Hockey Team, with Gregg Rutten creating the team’s logo. A devoted Montreal Canadiens fan, Paul’s number was 10, inspired by his favorite NHL player, Guy Lafleur. He also organized local events like the Waskesiu WinterFest and served as Treasurer of WADRA. Through his leadership, Paul successfully raised funds and organized membership drives.

In March 2005, the Waskesiu Fire Department proposed naming the arena in Paul’s honor as it was nameless. It was a tribute that deeply moved Paul since he was battling cancer at the time and passed away shortly after learning of this honour.

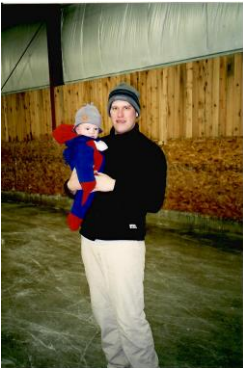
The Paul G. Horne Community Arena stands as a symbol of Paul’s contributions—his dedication to community service, his passion for recreational activities, and his unwavering commitment to the well-being of the community. The creation of the sign and maintenance of it were generously donated by Waskesiu community members, the Morelands and Dan Dunn, and businesses, Nancy Wood, the Archers, Parks Canada, and Paul and Bernadette’s family. John Case, Bernadette’s brother, took a large lead in this project as family and WADRA president 2002-2005 and is currently maintaining the sign with Parks Canada.

In addition to the arena, Bernadette's sister Monica coordinated Paul’s memorial bench, the first one in Waskesiu, located on Ski Beach. It overlooks Waskesiu Lake, near the site of many Frank Dunn Triathlons and ones that Paul participated in as a triathlete.

In August of 2005, at this triathlon, although Paul was not there in person, he was remembered as the athlete on the t-shirts designed by Dan Dunn given to the competitors. This bench and t-shirt, like the arena, serve as a testament to Paul's enduring care of this place, Waskesiu, Prince Albert National Park, his family, and the community, and their love and respect for him in remembering. "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept my faith." 2 Timothy 4:7-8



Paul and Nicholas ("Nick") 2003



Paul and Pidwerbeski boys building fence



Brad Lloyd and Paul after a game



WinterFest hockey team



WinterFest Chili cookoff Paul with his Mom



Paul, Bernadette and Nick Horne at the rink

WinterFest canteen with Wardens and RCMP



Waskesiu Whiskey Jack Parks Canada Hockey Tournament Invermere BC 2003



Working on the boards



WinterFest



Fresh Air Experience and Frank Dunn Toyota games



Unveiling of the sign with Bernadette, Nick and Paul's parents, Norman and Kathy



Dave and Les Archer putting the sign together



Parks Canada installing the sign
Lance Langford, Dru Osterhout, John Case



Monica Osterhout -coordinated the bench
John Case instrumental in transforming rink & sign
Siblings to Bernadette



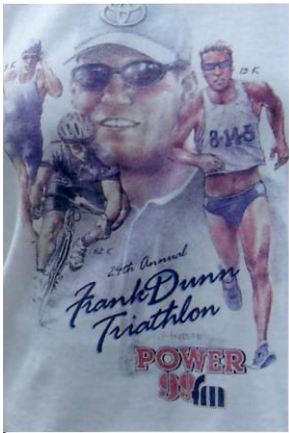
Bernadette and Nick commemoration bench on ski beach



Paul Horne



24th Annual Frank Dunn Triathlon with Paul's face



Paul's friends at commemoration - Pete and Kama Simpson, Blair MacGregor

