

## **Appendix E: Nomination Package for Rick Mannen**

### **Nominee's Name:**

Rick Mannen

### **In what way has the nominee brought local, regional, provincial or national recognition to the City of Brantford?**

For the past 50+ years, Rick has brought local, regional, provincial, national & international recognition to the City of Brantford for the following 3 key factors;

#### 1) Success In Athletics

- selected for the Canadian Team at the 1987 IAAF World Cup Marathon Championship in Seoul, South Korea, finishing 57th overall, 2nd Canadian on team, in a lifetime best time of 2:19:00
- selected for the Canadian Team at the 1990 Pacific Rim Marathon Championships, Long Beach, CA.
- winner of seven international marathons including Hong Kong, Toronto, Buffalo, Niagara Falls
- Ontario Provincial Marathon Champion 1986
- podium finishes in other international marathons in Barbados, Houston, Austin, Detroit and Columbus
- was ranked among the top ten marathoners in Canada 1984-1995
- inducted into the Brantford & Area Sports Hall of Recognition
- ran over 200,000 kms, mostly on Brantford's sidewalks, streets & trails
- 1975, member of a four-man relay team who set a new Canadian record in the junior & juvenile men's 4 x 800m relay
- while attending high school at PJCVS, set school track records in the middle distances that remain unbroken 48 years later, won district championships and qualified for Provincial championships

#### 2) Innate Ability and Dedication To Give Back To His Community

- has always recognized & appreciated what other individuals & organizations have done to support him in his endeavours & has always taken a strong ownership to volunteering & giving back to his community
- beginning in high school & spanning over 50 years, Rick has volunteered in various capacities for:
  - Past - Brantford Track & Field Club. Brantford Rotary Classic Road Races, Heart & Stroke Association Mother-Daughter Walk, Ride, Walk & Run with Rick Mannen, Brant United Way, Boston Memory Run, Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre Grand Reopening, Brantford Sports Council, Brantford's annual Canada Day Community Celebration. Winter Olympics Torch Run Relay Brantford Celebration, Brantford Tournament of Races, Brantford Run for Arts, Pan Para Games Torch Relay Run Brantford Celebration, Trans Canada Trail Reopening Brantford Celebration, Riverfest/Run for the River
  - Present - Brantford & Area Sports Hall of Recognition, Frank Tomlin Memorial Sportsperson of the Year, founding member of "Free Sport for Growth", an initiative to assist and encourage youth to play sports & gain the personal growth opportunities benefits

### 3) Success At Coaching

- since 2012 to present, coached hundreds of distance runners from the beginner to Olympic level including;
- Brantford's Krista DuChene, Canadian Team Member: 2012 International Ekiden Distance Relay - Chiba, Japan, 2013 World Track & Field Championships - Moscow, Russia, 2016 Olympics – Rio De Janeiro
- Kip Kangogo, Canadian Team Member 2015 Pan American Games
- selected Team Coach for Canadian team - 2012 International Ekiden Relay in Chiba, Japan
- attained Chartered Professional Coaching designation with Coaches of Canada

### Rick Mannen Special Awards and Designations:

- Volunteer Impact Award for the City of Brantford - 2023
- Queen Elizabeth II Golden, Diamond & Platinum Jubilee Medal recipient for service to community – 2002, 2012 & 2022 respectively
- George Jones Memorial Award for Lifetime Volunteerism from the Brantford Sports Council – 2016 (co-recipient with wife – Josie)

- Award of Merit recipient from the Walter Gretzky CNIB Celebrity Golf Tournament for achievement in distance running and a resident who represents the City with dignity and class - 2004
- Paul Harris Fellow designation from the Rotary Club for “Service Above Self” – 2002
- President’s Award for outstanding contribution as Chair of the Mother/Daughter Walk for Heart and Stroke - 2002
- Co-Nominee with wife Josie – Brantford Citizen of the Year – 2001
- Brantford Minor Sports President’s Award in recognition of community involvement - 2001
- Henry Killingbeck Memorial Outstanding Young Citizen Award - 1990
- Celebration Canada Medal Recipient sponsored by the Government of Canada for Outstanding Contribution to Sports in Canada - 1988
- Inducted into the Brantford and Area Sports Hall of Recognition – 1987
- Frank Tomlin Memorial Sportsperson of the Year - 1985
- Expositor Track and Field Athlete of the Year – 1984
- Expositor Track and Field Athlete of the Year – 1975

**Please describe nominee’s biographical information and his or her connection to the City and its historic or contemporary development (i.e. the nominee was born here, lived here during a formative time in their career, etc.)**

Rick has always been a proud ambassador to his country, province and Brantford, proudly promoting his community wherever he has travelled. His biographical information and connection to the City and its historic or contemporary development are as follows;

- born in Brantford in 1957
- lived in the City until his family moved to a farm in the village of Onondaga, Brant County when he was one year old
- his family moved back to Brantford when he was nine years old and he lived in the City for all of his athletic success & most of his volunteerism
- moved back to the County of Brant just outside the City limits in 1999 and presently resides there

- entire working career was spent working in administrative and management positions for companies within the City of Brantford including Domtar Construction Materials, DistribuTech and Exel (operating P&G's national distribution centre)
- was instrumental in developing an active workplace community involvement committee in all the companies he worked for and always encouraged his companies and employees to be good community leaders
- founding member of the Brantford Rotary Classic Run in 1983 which will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2024 & has raised in excess of \$1.2 million for programs and services offered by Lansdowne Children's Centre and the Boys and Girls Club of Brantford
- co-founder of the Brantford Tournament of Races in 2011-2012, the intent of the series of road races was to raise funds for local charities and to help promote the tourist attractions and businesses of Brantford's downtown
- Rick remembers frequenting the downtown open air Brantford Market Square with his family as a youngster and being treated to fries from the original Stan's French Fry stand and all the original downtown business that were so successful before the growth of mall developments
- worked at Domtar (previously known as Brantford Roofing and later known as Northern Globe) for over 20 years before the company declared bankruptcy. Rick always had a proud connection to the history of roofing company as the business began in early 1900's and was one of the first roofing manufacturers in North America and one of the original investors in the company was the Cockshutt family. The location on Sydenham Street is now one of the Brantford historic brownfield sites
- He was a longstanding member of the original downtown YM/YWCA on Queen Street and strongly believes in what the institution represents

### **Why is it important to recognize the nominee as part of Prominence Point? What is exceptional about this individual's contribution to the City of Brantford?**

I believe it is important to honour Rick in the Prominence Point Program because he has made and continues to make an outstanding volunteer contribution to the community and achieved significant local, regional, national and international recognition as an athlete and as a coach. Because Rick was born, raised, worked and trained in Brantford and the immediate area his entire life, he has always had a very strong proud and passionate connection to Brantford. He knows many individuals and

organizations in Brantford have mentored him and contributed to his success in life and helped make him the person he is today. He is also very humbled when someone recognizes him with some form of recognition or mentions to him that he has provided inspiration to someone in need.

### **Name of Nominator**

Josie Mannen

### **Additional Material**

*Figure 1: Image of the Nominee provided by the Nominator*



Figure 2: News Article - 1987 Hong Kong International Marathon Results

# THE 1987 HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON



## OFFICIAL RESULTS

25 January 1987, Jubilee Sports Centre, Shatin, Hong Kong

### Canadian triumphs in HK marathon China's Li lifts women's crown

By MIKE FIELD

OUTSMARTING the tipsters, Canadian marathon runner Rick Mannen won yesterday's 10th Hongkong International Marathon in fine style.

The surprise winner clocked two hours 20 minutes 51 seconds for the 42.195 kilometres event run over three laps of the Tolo Highway out past Sha Tin in the New Territories.

Forcing the pace less than 10 kilometres from home, Mannen broke the challenge of pre-race favourite American Doug Kurtis and never looked in trouble in the closing stages. Third last year, Kurtis hung on to second place and finished a minute behind the winner in 2:21:56.

Third place went to Englishman Neil Featherby who clocked 2:23:03 after dropping off the pace just past the half-way mark when Mannen and Kurtis pushed on.

After the race an elated Mannen said: "I knew I was in with a real chance in the last lap when Doug seemed to be in a bit of trouble running into the wind. So I made the break at the final turn around point as I knew he would not be able to stay with me".

The Canadian also had problems with the blustery conditions. "But for the wind, which was really strong out there and seemed to be coming from all directions, the time would have been in the region of 2:17:00," he said.

Kurtis philosophically accepted defeat, commenting: "I had a bad one out there in the wind. Also a nasty cold a couple of weeks ago put me back and I could not stay the pace near the end."

Featherby was also disappointed with his time. "I just have not been able to adjust to the time difference here and have had little sleep for the last few days which took a lot out of me. I was in trouble mid-way through the race but managed to come on strong toward the end".

Behind the visitors the race developed into a three-way duel between local runners Tim Soutar and Steve Wright and former top Hongkong Royal Navy veteran Keith Cawley.

The trio were together five kilometres from the finish when Cawley and Soutar decided to step up the pace, dropping Wright on the run for the tape. The Navy runner kicked again to break away from Soutar just over a kilometre out and came home in 2:27:48 for overall fourth.

Soutar took fifth position just 11 seconds behind with Wright finishing sixth in 2:28:42. Although a little slower than last year, both now look set for selection to the World Cup Marathon due to be run in Seoul on April 12.



If the local men were not quite as fast as a year ago, the women's race produced very different results.

As expected China's Li Juan came home first to clock a very respectable 2:37:35. But just behind her Hongkong's Yuko Gordon put in a blistering finish for a superb second placed 2:38:32. This was an all-time best which also saw her crack the 2:40 barrier for the first time. Early on in the race Gordon led the Chinese girl before Li threw down the gauntlet and made a break just past the 15 kilometres mark.

Rita Wong clocked 2:52:51 for third place and another personal best effort by just under two minutes.

Then in an outstanding run, Alison Robinson took fourth place in 2:56:03 to better her own best effort by just over 20 minutes with China's Li Jing picking up fifth place in 3:00:34. Again all three of the local girls easily bettered the women's World Cup selection standard of three hours.

With Cawley literally running away with the men's veteran title, triathlete Paul Widdowson got the better of prolific marathon man Nick Brooke in the battle for second place with both men notching up personal best performances. Widdowson clocked 2:38:48 for second with Brooke third just over two minutes behind in 2:40:51.

Macau wheelchair racer Chau Kam-Chiu had that little bit extra at the finish to clock 2:48:44 and pip Japan's Kazumi Tutasuki by only five seconds in the men's Wheelchair Championship. Both Chau and Tutasuki bettered last year's winning time by nearly three minutes.

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