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The City of North Bay to name the Sports Complex after local athlete, Steve Omischl

Today at 10:45am at the site of the Sports Complex the Recreation & Leisure Services Department and the City of North Bay announced the naming of the Sports Complex "The Steve Omischl Sports Complex". This initiative saw the installation of the official sign. Other signage about Steve Omischl will accompany the Sports Complex once the construction is completed.

Steve Omischl grew up in North Bay and learned to ski at Laurentian Ski Hill. His passion for sport developed while watching the Canadian Olympic Team perform on TV during the 1994 Lillehammer Games. Inspired by local athletes and supported by his community and coaches, Steve went on to represent North Bay at the 2002, 2006 and 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Steve's international career started by being named 1999-2000 World Cup Rookie of the Year. He went on to win the World Championships in 2005. This 5-time Canadian Champion, became one of the most decorated aerial skiers in history by winning 40 World Cup medals and claiming the overall aerial title 4 times in his career.

Steve attributes his success to the support of his family, friends, and community. "Surrounding yourself with good people will always be key to reaching your goals.... I was always lucky to have a great support network around to help me get there" stated Omischl. "The City of North Bay is very proud to have produced an athlete such as Omischl" said Mayor Vic Fedeli.

The Sports Complex is set for completion by Spring of 2011 at which time a permanent bio of Steve Omischl will be placed at the entrance. "This is a great way to honor one of our very own for all their hard work and achievements" said Councilor Mike Anthony.









