

Peel Bldg Bk. Love, Jerry  
**Veteran City staffer  
Jerry Love retiring  
after 35 long years**  
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Veteran City employee Jerry Love is taking more than 35 years of expertise, customer service knowhow and historic knowledge of Mississauga's Recreation and Parks Department with him when he retires at the end of the month, but the City has been assured this treasure trove won't be lost.

At his retirement dinner Thursday night - attended by some 130 friends and well-wishers who toasted and roasted him - the Director of Community Services told the crowd he's not disappearing into thin air, he'll still be part of the City scene in one form or another.

Love has been involved with the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame for most of the past 16 years and he said he's not about to abandon the project - certainly not at this stage when the dream is about to become a reality. "We inducted 44 people so far, but did not have a site until the Civic Centre offered space on the fourth floor," Love said.

He and members of the committee working on making the dream come true toured Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in Toronto "for our setup" he explained.

Love will also maintain his liaison with the Mississauga Sports Council as a citizen member.

His list of accomplishments is long - ranging from Recreation and Parks Department events and activities, through building openings, hockey tournaments, theatre presentations to the annual Mississauga Sports Celebrities Dinner

where for years, he acted as master of ceremonies for the awards presentations.

His approach to people and keen sense of customer service have, in fact, become the basis for the City's new customer service system. Love said, "providing the best customer service for the money" will be the City's biggest challenge.

Love first began working for the recreation and Parks Department when it was still part of the Township of Toronto in the '50s. recreation and Parks Department commissioner Ian Scott said Love has made "a significant contribution to the quality of life" ever since.

"Jerry worked with sports, art and cultural groups and his attitude that there is no other place like Mississauga was reflected in his dedicated work," Scott said.

Love's contribution to the department extended beyond his daily accomplishments, Scott said. He surrounded himself with excellent staff and took pains to train his staff properly to function as a successful unit.