



Troy Ryan & Pierre-Cedric Labrie to be honoured, Tickets available for inaugural MHL Alumni Gala in Campbellton

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Truro, N.S. (April 26, 2026) – [Tickets are now available](#) for the inaugural Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) Alumni Gala, presented by McDonald's, in Campbellton, N.B., on Saturday, June 20th at 7 p.m. as part of a busy weekend for the league that also includes the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the 2026 MHL Entry Draft. There is limited public access, providing fans with the opportunity to celebrate the league's rich 60-year history.

As the festivities are being held in Campbellton, and the Tigers are celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2026-27, two former alumni will be the inaugural inductees into the MHL Alumni Legacy Club on the milestone evening: Toronto Sceptres and head coach of Hockey Canada's national women's team Troy Ryan and former Tampa Bay Lightning forward Pierre-Cedric Labrie. The Legacy Club is a new initiative which celebrates some of the league's most influential players, coaches, and builders.

Ryan, from Spryfield, N.S., is a three-time MHL Coach of the Year. His MHL coaching journey began with the Antigonish Bulldogs in 2003-04 before becoming the head Coach and General Manager of the Pictou County Weeks Crushers. He spent five seasons with the club, winning the league's top coaching award in 2005-06 and 2007-08. After stints with the Halifax Lions and Metro Marauders, Ryan spent two seasons with St. Thomas University before returning to the MHL in 2013-14 with Campbellton, where he won his final Coach of the Year award in 2015-16. His work with female hockey players in Nova Scotia quickly expanded to the national stage, first as an assistant coach before taking over as head coach of the team. During his six-year tenure, Ryan helped guide Canada's women's hockey team to a gold-medal win at the 2022 Beijing Games and a silver medal at the recent Milano Cortina Olympics. He also coached Canada to three world championship titles and two silvers. In 2018 and 2022, he was named the Sport Nova Scotia coach of the year and was honoured with a Hockey Nova Scotia Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. The Hockey Nova Scotia Female Council Award was renamed last year to the Troy Ryan Female Council Award of Merit.

Labrie joined the Campbellton Tigers for the 2005-06 season as a 19-year-old. The native of Baie-Comeau, Quebec, was named an All-Star after finishing ninth in league scoring with 43 goals and 43 assists for 86 points in 54 games. Labrie's early success in the MHL with the Tigers kick-started his hockey career as his 43 goals were the sixth-most in the league. He joined the Baie-Comeau Drakkar of the QMJHL for the playoffs that season before playing the 2006-07 season with the club. After five seasons in the AHL, the undrafted forward made his NHL debut with the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2011-12. In three seasons, Labrie has two goals and three assists in 46 games with the Lightning. Labrie, son-in-law of Hall of Fame goaltender Patrick Roy, continues to compete at age 39 in the LNAH as a member of the Quebec National.

The MHL AGM is scheduled for Friday, June 19th, while the 2026 MHL Entry Draft will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 20th, before the 7 p.m. Alumni Gala. Eastlink Community TV will once again broadcast the first two rounds of the draft live. Admission to the draft is free to the public, with [ticketing and tables for the evening gala available here](#). Additional viewing details, including available platforms, will be announced closer to the draft date. Fans can follow each selection live at themhl.ca, powered by HockeyTech and Rinknet, or via the league's social media channels, in addition to the live coverage on Eastlink.

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