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Kenmount Park Community Centre Officially Renamed Now called Gloria Pearson Community Centre

MOUNT PEARL, NL – On Thursday, May 26, 2016, the Kenmount Park Community Centre, located at 25 Holden Street, was renamed, Gloria Pearson Community Centre. The naming ceremony took place at 4 p.m. with approximately 75 people in attendance, including the Mayor, past and present Councillors, past Mayors, staff, and Gloria's family and friends.

Gloria Pearson was a woman of drive who believed in and loved family and community. She moved to Mount Pearl in 1975 and was elected to City Council in 1987. She served as a Councillor until 1997 and was a member of many boards, committees, foundations and sororities. Gloria was very active in her community. Some of her favourite volunteer groups included Habitat for Humanity, Waterford River Development Foundation, Babb Neighborhood Park Committee, Mount Pearl Library Board, Red Cross Society and Mary Queen of the World Parish Council. She was involved with the planning and design of many major recreational facilities throughout the community, including the Smallwood Drive Soccer Complex, the Pearlgate Track and Field Complex and the Glacier Arena. She also worked tirelessly with community members to make the Admiralty House Museum and Archives, now called the Admiralty House Communications Museum, a reality.

Her greatest achievement was the Kenmount Park Community Centre. When it finally opened its doors in 1993, it was her proudest moment as it was a crowning achievement for her neighborhood. On the opening day she said, "Finally, the children and residents of Kenmount Park have a place to play and learn in their own neighborhood." Gloria never stopped volunteering. She believed change was always possible and needed in the development of a person, a family and a community. "All are connected," she would say. The Kenmount Park Community Centre truly represents what Gloria was all about - a good place, in a good community, to raise good families.

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