

Beverly HINE

NOMINEE: Beverly HINE

MEMBER SPOUSE: Gary HINE, # 4073

DETACHMENT(S): Elk Lake 1987 – 1996

NOMINATOR: Richard WITTY, # 9100

SILENT PARTNER STORY

Beverly (Bev) Hine is the spouse of the late Provincial Constable Gary Hine and he was stationed in Elk Lake Detachment between 1987 and 1996. Gary was a very popular officer with within the community and he lived in the nearby village of Matachewan.

The village was policed by the Kirkland Lake Detachment, while Elk Lake Detachment fell under the old Haileybury Detachment (now Temiskaming). He was asked to keep an eye on things in Matachewan for the Kirkland Lake Detachment. Gary did just that.

Gary and his wife, Bev became somewhat known as the local family for kids to seek out when they got into trouble. Both Gary and Bev opened their doors to the youth of the community who would often show up at their door and always willing to help. The kids in Matachewan and Elk Lake looked up to them both. They actively took part in community events and were recognized as community leaders.

Bev eventually became the Reeve of Matachewan and they continued their work in the community side by side. Gary represented the OPP, and Bev represented the community. They continued to open their doors and their hearts to many in the community.

Bev continued her fondness for members of the OPP even after Gary's passing. To this day, her door is always open to members of the area detachments to stop in and have a coffee and a chat. As a long standing Reeve of Matachewan, Bev set to work to create an OPP Extended Service Office for

Matachewan due to the distance required to travel to the detachment administrative centre in Kirkland Lake. In 2013, this became a reality. In 2014, the official grand opening took place with community dignitaries and members of the OPP in attendance.

When discussing the OPP with Bev, she always had a great fondness for all members and the utmost respect and admiration for the work they do. The members of the Kirkland Lake Detachment will always hold a special place in their heart for Bev and her community work. She has gone above and beyond the proverbial call for duty.

Bev is very well respected by all detachment members in Kirkland Lake. She is a regular visitor to the detachment and always has a kind word to say about the good work done by our members in Matachewan. She has retired from politics now and is missed by members who would visit the community hall just to see Bev and out of respect for her work in the community.

In seeking out commentary for this award, I spoke with her briefly and she was very bashful in her role in standing beside Provincial Constable Hine and his great community work. I feel she would be a very deserving recipient of this honour.

About Elk Lake

Like many towns in northern Ontario, Elk Lake's roots go back to mining in the early 20th century. In this case, the discovery of silver in 1906 resulted in about thirty different mining properties in the James Township area between 1907 and 1913. This saw the population reach nearly 10,000 people during its peak.

Today, Elk Lake is home to approximately 500 residents with forestry and tourism driving the local economy. Elk Lake is located 220 kilometers northwest of North Bay, near the town of New Liskeard.