

Speaking Notes – Special Olympics Flag Relay

Monday January 4th, 2015 – 1:30 P.M.

[AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY]

Good afternoon everyone. It's my pleasure to welcome you here to the Civic Centre for today's Special Olympics flag raising ceremony.

I'd like to thank our local Knights of Columbus chapter for their efforts to make Sault Ste. Marie a stop on the Special Olympics flag relay. I'd like to mention and thank Len Donnelly in particular for his work organizing today's event here at City Hall.

The Knights of Columbus have a lengthy history of involvement with the Special Olympics, dating all the way back to the inaugural Special Olympics games in 1968. The Knights are an Official Partner of the Special Olympics and they donate substantial time and money each year to this important and worthwhile cause. I want to acknowledge all of our local Knights for their on-going support of the Special Olympics.

As a community, we're proud of the many Saultites who have been involved over the years with the Special Olympics—whether as athletes, coaches, organizers or supporters, We're also proud to be hosting the North East Winter Games this upcoming February 20th.

So once again, I'd like to thank everyone for coming out, signing the flag and participating in today's event. It's a great feeling knowing that this flag with our signatures will be flying at the Special Olympics Provincial School Championships in Durham this coming June.

Thank you.