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Bill Boland – Builder – Legend (deceased)

- Born in Toronto June 17 1944 - died in London, August 26, 2020
- Resident of London and prominent figure in the figure skating milieu since 1980
- Support for his nomination to the London Sports Hall of Fame came from a who's who list of prominent members of the figure skating world locally, nationally and abroad
- They include: Marilyn Chidlow – Past President Skate Canada, Anne-Marie DeCicco-Best – former London Mayor, Sharon LaPier – past chair Skate Canada Western Ontario, Steve Scherrer – Skate Canada past Director, and London Free Press articles by Ryan Pyette
- Accomplishments and honours:
 - London Skating Club Volunteer of the Year
 - Manager of Synchronicity (London Skating Club)
 - Team leader for Team Ontario Skating, multiple years
 - Ontario Sports Council Award for lifetime achievement
 - Skate Canada Billie Mitchell Award for outstanding service
 - Planning committee 2007 Synchronized Skating World Championships in London
 - Planning committee Skate Canada Nationals 2005, 2010 in London
 - Chair, World Figure Skating Championships 2013 in London
 - 2013 Governor General's Caring Canadian Citizenship Award
 - 2014 Sports Person of the Year – London's Celebrity Sports Dinner
- Led the move to make sports tourism in London a major initiative
- As a Board Director of Skate Canada - Western Ontario, he led training seminars for volunteers and created and instituted a financial plan which created more help for athletes
- Was instrumental in the formation of Precision Skating teams at the London Skating Club later known as Synchronized Skating
- In 1989, Bill took 30 young women to the very first international Figure Skating competition in Gothenburg, Sweden and Helsinki, Finland. A few years later he brought Team Unique from Helsinki to London and set them up with billet families from the London Skating Club so the European team could learn from the skaters at the London Skating Club who, at the time, were the best in the world.
- The London Club held the Canadian title for many years and the city hosted the World Synchro Championship which he chaired
- Marilyn Chidlow, Skate Canada Past President, stated: "Bill, a person of the greatest character, truly epitomizes volunteerism and love of community to the fullest extent of sport administration and participation for four decades."