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The West Ferris Ringette Association is about to celebrate the 40 years of Ringette. The City of North Bay a few years ago, honoured our founder, Sam Jacks, by naming the West Ferris Arena and surrounding sports facilities, the "Sam Jacks Sports Complex".

This year, Mrs Agnes Jacks is receiving the "Order of Canada", for here contributions, and life of dedication to the sport that we all love.

We have witnessed, (and rightfully so) the honouring of those who brought us the sport of Ringette, and now we have a chance to honour the game itself. The West Ferris Arena is the "Birthplace of Ringette". It would only be fitting to cap off the 40th year celebrations by having that facility named as a National Historic Site. It should be a great source of National Pride that we, as Canadians, can look to a specific place as the origin of a sport played around the world.

This is the dream, but the dream can't come true without a great deal of help. You can help by writing letters, sending emails, postcards, pictures of teams, and anything else that you can in support of our cause. Support would be welcome from individuals, teams, associations, sport governing bodies, corporations, or anyone who is in agreement with a National Monument dedicated to our sport.

It is hoped that when our dream comes true, we will hold a celebration and display any and all pictures, correspondence from around the world we receive. Email can be forwarded to [georges@cogeco.ca](mailto:georges@cogeco.ca), pictures etc. to the address below. I will try to respond to as many contacts as I can, but based on the volume, it may or may not be possible to respond to all. Our website can be found at [www.eteamz.com/wfraf](http://www.eteamz.com/wfraf).

Please send this to anyone in your email, talk to those in your association etc. who can lend a little support. Only together can we be heard.

Yours in Ringette,

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