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Orr Hall of Fame opens in Parry Sound

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A new museum honouring hockey legend Bobby Orr opened its doors Friday in Parry Sound, Ont.

The Bobby Orr Hall of Fame is a way for the city to recognize its most famous citizen. It's also an attempt to boost tourism in the area, located about three hours north of Toronto.

Hockey Night in Canada's Don Cherry, who coached Orr in Boston, was among the familiar faces on hand at the unveiling.



The Bobby Orr Hall of Fame opens in Parry Sound, Ont., on Friday. (CP Photo)

The Hall of Fame is part of the \$12.4-million Charles W. Stockey Centre. The facility includes the a 480-seat venue for Parry Sound's chamber music festival.

The hockey shrine houses many pieces of memorabilia from Orr's most famous moments as a professional. Items on display include the stick and puck he used to score the Stanley-Cup clinching goal in 1970.

His original locker from the Boston Garden, two Stanley Cup rings, original NHL contract and many of his famous No. 4 jerseys are also on view.

The Hall of Fame also has many interactive displays, games and trivia stations.

The Georgian Bay city also erected a new highway sign bearing Orr's likeness on Thursday.

Orr was one of the most prolific scorers from the defence position in hockey history. He compiled 270 goals, 645 assists and 915 points over 657 career National Hockey League games.

His best season came in 1974-75, where he piled up 135 points (46 goals and 89 assists) en route to a scoring title.

He claimed the Norris Trophy as the league's top defenceman eight times.

Orr's career was cut short by nagging knee injuries. The Boston Bruins legend was slowed down in his prime at age 27, but officially retired three years later in Nov. 1978 after a trio of injury-plagued campaigns.

Orr, who is now 55 years old, devotes much of his time to his new career as a sports agent. He also remains heavily involved in charity work.

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