

## **OMCA/MLH Hockey Festival scores big!**

The 2nd Annual OMCA / MLH Hockey Festival on February 7 was a huge success, raising a total of almost \$10,000!

The day's first game saw Tim Thorne's **Team Prevost** and **Team Ottawa Tourism** play to an exciting 3-3 overtime tie. In the end, Team Ottawa won by a coin toss! In the second game, **Team Tourism Toronto** held on to beat **Team Niagara Falls Tourism** 5-4. Team Niagara Falls Tourism, guided by the area's very own Greg Frewin, won a close second contest against Team Ottawa Tourism and Team Tourism Toronto, captained by Mike Temple, beat Team Prevost.

In the final games of the day, Team Ottawa Tourism won the consolation final against Team Prevost and Team Tourism Toronto won the championship game against Team Niagara Falls Tourism. It was a close one! Toronto jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first period. It was 5-2 after 2. Niagara Falls scored a 5th goal with 12 seconds left, only to have it called back by the refs! What an exciting finish, and an even better day.

The organizers and participants would like to thank Toronto's hockey community for rallying to make this event happen. Much of this event's success was also due in large part to the sponsors, so many thanks to **Niagara Falls Tourism, Ottawa Tourism, Tourism Toronto** and **Prevost** – your contributions are greatly appreciated and, through the Mary Lynn Higgins Youth Fund, will go a long way to providing needy youth with participation in trips they never dreamed possible. The OMCA Development Fund provides Industry Scholarships to outstanding students in tourism, travel and hospitality programs, in recognition of their academic, personal and community achievements.

The next Hockey Festival will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2015 in London, ON during the next OMCA Marketplace!