

# Huge moment for hockey writer

It was quite the moment on Nov. 8 for longtime hockey fan and Mississauga writer Monika Moravan.

That's because she was at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, watching from the media room as several legends, including women's hockey pioneers Angela James and Cammi Granato, were inducted into the hall.

Making the moment even more special was that a story Moravan had written on the evolution of the hockey stick was included in the Hockey Hall of Fame's induction program distributed that evening.

It wasn't a huge article, about 1,200 words, but it meant the world to Moravan.

"The first time I saw my name in The Hockey News was like getting into the playoffs," she said. "Getting into the induction program was like winning the Stanley Cup. It's a huge honour."

Moravan got the opportunity when approached by Kevin Shea, Hockey Hall of Fame editor of publications and online features, to put together a story on the evolution of a piece of hockey equipment. She chose hockey sticks.

Moravan spoke with Mississauga's Jason Spezza, a forward with the National Hockey League's (NHL) Ottawa Senators and one of the last players to convert from a wooden stick to composite, for the article.

The author even learned a few things in the process.

"I didn't know that the Mi'kmaq First Nations were the first to commercially produce hockey sticks," said Moravan.

She has also signed an agreement with Formac Lorimer Books to write a book on the life of former NHL'er and sexual abuse survivor Theoren Fleury. The book is part of the company's series on athletes who struggled through adversity to become successful players.



**Straight to the hall.** Mississauga writer Monika Moravan had an article about the evolution of the hockey stick included in the 2010 Hockey Hall of Fame induction program. *Supplied photo*