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Stanley Cup Champion Blackhawks saluted with MWRD resolution



In the photo (left to right): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Vice President Barbara McGowan, Commissioner Timothy Bradford, Blackhawks Executive Vice President Jay Blunk, Commissioner Cynthia Santos, Blackhawks broadcaster and former player Troy Murray, President Mariyana Spyropoulos, Blackhawks Senior Executive Director of Marketing Peter Hassen and Commissioners Michael Alvarez, Debra Shore and Kari Steele honored the 2015 Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks at a recent board meeting.

Another Stanley Cup for the Chicago Blackhawks has led to another round of accolades from the Board of Commissioners for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD). The victory celebration spilled into the MWRD board room, where commissioners honored the team with a resolution at their July meeting.

“In the six years I have been a commissioner, the Blackhawks have won three Stanley Cups. I would say that’s a pretty good track record when it comes to success,” said President Mariyana Spyropoulos. “We are so proud of this team and salute them on another championship effort. We at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago strive to embody those same principles of hard work, determination and teamwork that the Blackhawks represent.”

Led by Conn Smythe trophy winner Duncan Keith, captain Jonathan Toews, recipient of the Mark Messier Leadership Award, and goalie Corey Crawford, the Blackhawks hoisted the Stanley Cup after defeating the Tampa Bay Lightning in the Stanley Cup Finals in six games. It was the franchise’s sixth championship since joining the NHL in 1926.

On hand to receive the resolution were Jay Blunk, executive vice president, former Blackhawk great and current broadcaster Troy Murray, and Peter Hassen, senior executive director of marketing.

“On behalf of owner Rocky Wirtz, President John McDonough, General Manager Stan Bowman, Coach Joel Quenneville and the whole Blackhawks organization, we appreciate this recognition and express *(continued)*



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Blackhawks broadcaster and former player Troy Murray, who wore no. 19 before captain Jonathan Toews, wears a previous Blackhawks Stanley Cup champion ring. The Blackhawks organization will add more jewelry to their collection after the 2015 Stanley Cup victory.

our gratitude for the support. This was truly a special group of players and coaches, a team that we as Chicagoans can all be proud of,” said Blunk. “Blackhawk fans across the Chicago area have embraced this team, and we are happy to deliver them a Stanley Cup.”

The resolution included each Blackhawk player and congratulated the organization on a riveting season. During the playoff stretch, the Blackhawks eliminated the Nashville Predators and Minnesota Wild before defeating the Anaheim Ducks in seven games in the Western Conference Finals. Despite a depleted group of defensemen and talented opponents, like the Lightning, the Blackhawks persevered, said Murray.

“This team has the character of Chicago. They take a blue collar approach, log many minutes, don’t complain, keep digging and believing in themselves, and in the end, they kept winning,” Murray said.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.