



To: Rugby Ontario Club Presidents

From: Andrew Backer – Executive Director

CC: Rugby Ontario Board of Directors

Date: Wednesday, May 15th, 2013

Subject: *Update on Rowan Stringer Incident*

Dear club presidents,

The purpose of this memo is to update the Rugby Ontario community on the tragic incident involving Rowan Stringer, who passed away in Ottawa on Sunday, May 12th, after sustaining an injury playing rugby.

Rugby Ontario, through our contacts with the Eastern Ontario Rugby Union and the Barrhaven Scottish, has reached out to support the family of Rowan. Steve MacNeil, on behalf of EORU and Rugby Ontario, has worked with Rugby Canada and the Stringer family to have Rowan's life recognized at the Canada/Fiji match on June 5th.

Rugby Ontario, as well as many in the Rugby community, has been fielding a number of media enquiries. Our message remains very focused, which is to express our deepest sympathies and support to the entire family of Rowan Stringer, and especially her parents and sister.

The family has announced the funeral arrangements. They are as follows:

1. Wake/Visitation – Friday 5:00pm – 9:00pm at Kelly Funeral Home, 3000 Woodroffe Avenue (south of Fallowfield Road); and
2. Funeral – Saturday 2:00pm at The Metropolitan Bible Church on Prince of Wales Drive (just south of Hunt Club Road)

Rugby Ontario will be represented at this funeral by RO Board members Dan Demerah and Steve MacNeil.

The family has established a Facebook page for those who wish to write messages of condolences:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/324057014387544/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Andrew Backer
Executive Director