



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Renaming of Humber Sheppard Community Centre in Honour of Carmine Stefano

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| Date: | May 3, 2007 |
| To: | Etobicoke York Community Council |
| From: | Brenda Librecz, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation |
| Wards: | Ward 7 |
| Reference Number: | |

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to rename the Humber Sheppard Community Centre to the Carmine Stefano Community Centre.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff has exercised due diligence in ensuring that all criteria in the Naming and Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Parks Policy has been met and recommend the renaming of this community centre. The Ward Councillor has also expressed his support in renaming this Community Centre in honour of the late Carmine Stefano.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that Council approve the renaming of the Humber Sheppard Community Centre located at 3100 Weston Road to the Carmine Stefano Community Centre in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Naming and Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Parks Policy.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On March 2, 3, and 4, 1999, City Council adopted the recommendations in the report entitled “1999-2003 Capital Budget and Five-Year Capital Program” including section F(c) that stated “...the Community Centre be renamed Humber/Sheppard Community Centre (formerly known as St. Basil’s Community Centre) in the interim until such time as a permanent name can be determined by a community process organized by the Ward Councillors.”

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/1999/agendas/council/cc/cc990302/sp3rpt/cl001.htm>

On September 13, 2006, Etobicoke York Community Council considered and adopted a motion regarding the proposed renaming of the Humber Sheppard Community Centre to the Carmine Stefano Community Centre and requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to submit a report to the September 25, 2006 Council meeting, if possible, on the request to rename the Humber Sheppard Community Centre as the Carmine Stefano Community Centre.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/committees/et/et060913/etdd.pdf>

On September 26, 27 and 28 2006, City Council received as requested, Report 7, Clause 83 of the Etobicoke York Community Council and adopted the recommendations, as amended, that Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff follow the appropriate community process for the proposed renaming of the Humber Sheppard Community Centre to the Carmine Stefano Community Centre in accordance with the Naming and Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Parks Policy and that the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back to the Etobicoke York Community Council in Spring 2007.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/council/cc060925/et7rpt/cl083.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Ward Councillor moved a Motion requesting the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division to review a request for the proposed renaming of Humber Sheppard Community Centre in honour of Carmine Stefano.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have exercised due diligence in ensuring that all criteria outlined in the Naming and Renaming of Parks and Recreation Facilities Policy have been met. A public meeting was held at the Humber Sheppard Community Centre on March 12, 2007. A total of 6,700 flyers advertising this meeting, as well as a paid advertisement in the North York Mirror, were distributed to the Humber Sheppard catchment area. The majority of those in attendance at the meeting consented to the renaming of the Humber Sheppard Community Centre in honour of Carmine Stefano.

COMMENTS

History of Carmine Stefano

Carmine Stefano, founder of the Weston Soccer Club and the Catholic Soccer League which services over 3000 children and youth, passed away suddenly on August 6, 2006 at the age of 53.

Carmine Stefano exemplified excellence and achievement in his advocacy and dedication to youth in his community. Mr. Stefano spent most of his time and efforts leading youth to reach their full potential in a positive and supportive environment through the sport of soccer.

Carmine Stefano devoted his entire life to minor sports and youth in the York West area, which has left a legacy with Weston Soccer Club and the Catholic Soccer League and soccer in general. He will be sorely missed by his many friends and the soccer players that benefitted through his organization.

Carmine Stefano was a community leader who embodied sportsmanship and responsibility. The contributions that Mr. Stefano has made to the children and their families in the York West area are significant.

Family Consent to Rename as Carmine Stefano Community Centre

The family of the late Carmine Stefano has given consent to Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff to have the Humber Sheppard Community Centre renamed in his honour to commemorate his community achievements. The Ward Councillor has also expressed his support in renaming this Community Centre in honour of the late Carmine Stefano.

The renaming of the Humber Sheppard Community Centre in honour of Carmine Stefano would be a wonderful tribute to his memory and to a man who has significantly contributed to the local community for many years.

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