

Consolidated Clause in Etobicoke York Community Council Report 7, which was considered by City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006.

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**Request to rename the Humber Sheppard Community Centre
The Carmine Stefano Community Centre
(Ward 7 - York-West)**

City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, amended this Clause by adding the following:

“That Council adopt the following staff recommendations contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 25, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

‘It is recommended that:

- (1) 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;*
- (2) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back to the Etobicoke York Community Council in Spring 2007; and*
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.’ ”*

This Clause, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

Council also considered additional material, which is noted at the end of this Clause.

The Etobicoke York Community Council recommends that City Council approve the following Resolution by Councillor Mammoliti:

WHEREAS Carmine Stefano exemplified excellence and achievement in his advocacy and dedication to youth in our community; and

WHEREAS Carmine Stefano was the President of both the Weston Soccer Club and the Catholic Soccer League; and

WHEREAS Carmine 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;

WHEREAS Carmine Stefano embodied sportsmanship, responsibility, and respect in the mandate of the soccer organizations; and

WHEREAS Carmine Stefano was a community leader who has left a legacy in York West; and

WHEREAS at City Council on March 2, 3, and 4, 1999, the “1999-2003 Capital Budget and Five-Year Capital Program” was adopted including section F 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”; and

WHEREAS the developer for the Weston Road and Sheppard Avenue West Subdivision asked City staff to look into the feasibility of naming a park in its development project; and

WHEREAS the Ward 7 community has gone through a process to name the park in the new H&R Subdivision, located on Weston Road and Sheppard Avenue West after Carmine Stefano;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) the above-mentioned community process be used in an effort to rename the Humber Sheppard Community Centre the Carmine Stefano Community Centre;**
- (2) if a long-term lease or purchase of the property from the Basilian Fathers cannot be reached, that any new community centre that is built to replace this community centre also be named the Carmine Stefano Community Centre; and**
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.**

Action taken by the Committee:

The Etobicoke York Community Council 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, the Carmine Stefano Community Centre.

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Council also considered the following:

- *Report (September 25, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation [Communication 63(a)]:*

*Subject: Request to Rename Humber Sheppard Community Centre to Carmine Stefano Community Centre
Ward 7 York West*

Purpose:

To report to Council on the request for renaming Humber Sheppard Community Centre to Carmine Stefano Community Centre.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

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

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) 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;*
- (2) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back to the Etobicoke York Community Council in Spring 2007; and*
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.*

Background:

City Council on March 2, 3, and 4, 1999, adopted the recommendations in the report entitled “1999-2003 Capital Budget and Five-Year Capital Program” including section F 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”.

At its meeting 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, the Carmine Stefano Community Centre.

Comments:

The local Councillor has advised that the Ward 7 community has gone through a process to name the park in the new H&R Subdivision, located on Weston Road and Sheppard Avenue West in honour of Carmine Stefano. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff, in consultation with City Clerks, has not been able to locate any documentation respecting this community process. The local Councillor wishes to use the above-mentioned community process to rename the Humber Sheppard Community Centre to the Carmine Stefano Community Centre in lieu of naming the new park. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff is recommending that a community process be undertaken in accordance with the Naming and Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Parks Policy.

The Naming and Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Parks Policy provides that where the naming of a park or recreation facility after an individual or group is being recommended, City Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff will exercise due diligence in researching and providing detailed background information to members of the local community, including ratepayer associations and any other interested persons who would have direct input into the naming process. It is not possible to rename the Humber Sheppard Community Centre at this time as Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have not had the opportunity to research and provide the required information to the Ward 7 community.

Conclusions:

Due to time constraints, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have not exercised due diligence in ensuring that all the criteria outlined in the Naming and Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Parks Policy have been met. Parks Forestry and Recreation staff are recommending that the request to rename the Humber Sheppard Community Centre to the Carmine Stefano Community Centre be considered through our standard policies and procedures, which would research and ensure that all criteria of the policy are met and the appropriate processes have been followed. It is also recommended that the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back to the Etobicoke York Community Council in Spring 2007.

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