



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Proposed renaming of Eastview Park to Kempton Howard Park

<b>Date:</b>	March 7, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Brenda Librecz, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 30 - Toronto-Danforth
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Kempton Howard was a respected youth leader in the Blake/Boultbee community who was fatally shot on December 13, 2003.

To commemorate his life, the Blake/Boultbee Resource Group proposed the renaming of Eastview Park to Kempton Howard Park. A letter requesting the name change, on behalf of the neighbourhood, was authored by the Executive Director of Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre and forwarded to the Ward Councillor.

This report recommends that the Eastview Park be renamed the Kempton Howard Park.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council approve the renaming of Eastview Park, located at 150 Blake Street, to Kempton Howard Park.

#### **Financial Impact**

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

## **COMMENTS**

Kempton Howard was a respected and effective youth leader in the Blake/Boulton community. He was a part-time staff at Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre and contributed as the leader of the Torch Club. In 2002, he was nominated by Eastview for his work in the community and received an Ontario Service Volunteer Youth Award.

In 2003, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Ontario Scholarship was awarded to Kempton Howard to support his dreams of studying physiotherapy. This scholarship is awarded to members of the Boys and Girls Club who demonstrate leadership through a combination of part-time work and/or volunteer involvement at the Club.

The Toronto Police Service has set up a youth basketball house league award, called the Kempton Howard Award. This award is presented to the players each year who demonstrate team values, initiative, dedication, and leadership qualities within the Pro Action/Eastview Basketball League at Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre. The Blake Street Public School has also set up a similar award for their students in honour of Kempton Howard.

Throughout the grieving process, Eastview's children and youth, with the support of their parents and service providers in the community, have celebrated Kempton Howard's life and vision. By renaming the Eastview Park to Kempton Howard Park, the community will continue to recognize the many contributions of this remarkable resident.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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