

MOTION

May 9, 2007

Rename Main Street Parkette Stanley G. Grizzle Park

Moved by: Councillor Davis _____

SUMMARY:

Renaming the Main Street Parkette the Stanley G. Grizzle Park provides the City of Toronto the opportunity to recognize the tremendous contributions of Stanley G. Grizzle to the City and share his inspiring story with residents of Ward 31, Beaches-East York and City-wide.

Stanley G. Grizzle resided at 231 Chisholm Ave., one block from Main Street Parkette, for 20 years. He was born in Toronto and continues to call the City home today.

Mr. Grizzle held numerous positions in which he influenced the development of labour, social and anti-racist issues including the following:

Officer of the Toronto CPR Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (1946-1962), the first trade union in Canada organized by and for black men.

Delegate to the Toronto Labour Council (1955-1961)

Member of the Toronto Labour Committee for Human Rights (1956-61)

Associate Editor and Columnist for Contrast, a black community newspaper

Founder of the Railway Porter's Trade Union Council

One of two first ever declared black candidates for the Ontario Legislature (1959 election)

First African-Canadian appointed as a judge, Court of Canadian Citizenship

Inducted into the Canadian Labour Hall of Fame (1994)

Recipient of the Order of Ontario

Recipient of the Order of Canada

Author, *My name's Not George: The story of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in Canada*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on renaming the Main Street Parkette as Stanley G. Grizzle Park.