

**NOTICE OF MOTION  
ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Naming Charles Caccia Park**

Moved by:           Councillor

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**SUMMARY:**

This motions seeks to rename Nairn Park (Ward 17 – Davenport) Charles Caccia Park.

The residents of Toronto were extremely saddened to learn of the sudden death of Charles Caccia, a former Toronto City Councillor and Member of Parliament, who passed away Saturday, May 3, 2008. Charles Caccia was born on April 28th, 1930, in Milan, Italy. He was educated in Milan where he completed high school and graduated in Forestry Economics at the University of Vienna in 1954. Mr. Caccia immigrated to Canada and settled in Toronto. He was employed first by the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto, and later at the Italian Trade Commission. In 1959 he co-founded COSTI, an organization that promotes adult and immigrant education.

Mr. Caccia was first elected to public office as a member of City of Toronto and Metro Council in December 1964 and then re-elected in 1966 in the Davenport area. In 1968 he was elected to the House of Commons as the Liberal M.P. for Davenport, and re-elected in nine subsequent elections, eventually becoming the “Dean of the House”, the longest-serving MP in the House of Commons, and one of the longest-serving in Canadian history.

On September 22nd, 1981, Prime Minister Trudeau appointed him Minister of Labour, and on August 12th 1983, Minister of the Environment. Charles Caccia has served on several House of Commons Standing Committees. He was Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (1993-2004). At the time of his death he was Senior Fellow at the Institute of the Environment, University of Ottawa.

Nairn Park is merely named after the street on which it is located. Naming a significant park in his honour is a fitting tribute for a figure who was such a well-known advocate of the environment.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The Etobicoke York Community Council endorse the changing of the name of Nairn Park to Charles Caccia Park.

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008