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ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Request for Renaming of Cliff Lumsdon Park as Kim and Cliff Lumsdon Park

Moved By: Councillor Mark Grimes



SUMMARY:

In recognition of the significant contribution of Kim Lumsdon to the Etobicoke-Lakeshore and swimming community, it is appropriate that she be honoured through the dedication of a local park. It is fitting that her name be included with her father's at the already existing Cliff Lumsdon Park, located beside Lake Ontario which Kim swam across at the age of 19.

At the young age of 19, Kim was in the top five in the world in the women's division. On August 27, 1976, while being coached by her father Cliff Lumsdon, Kim became the eleventh person to swim across the unpredictable waters of Lake Ontario.

She completed this amazing feat in 21 hours, 27 minutes.

On the 30th Anniversary of her first successful crossing, Kim attempted to again to cross Lake Ontario. Although unsuccessful in the 54-kilometre swim, Kim has proven that it does not matter how old or young you are, you should never back down from a challenge.

Her last swim was dedicated to the Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund and raised funds for thousands of underprivileged children the charity sends to camp every summer.

Kim's dedication to children and the promotion of swimming as a physical activity is commendable.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Etobicoke York Community Council direct staff to report back on the feasibility of renaming Cliff Lumsdon Park as Kim and Cliff Lumsdon Park pursuant to the City of Toronto naming policy.

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