

Proposed Renaming of Martingrove Gardens Peewee Diamond to “Lloyd McConnie Diamond”.

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
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SUMMARY

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

The purpose of the report is to respond to the request made at the May 6, 2008 Etobicoke York Community Council January 15th, 2008 meeting regarding the renaming of Martingrove Gardens Peewee Diamond to the Lloyd McConnie Diamond.

The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that Martingrove Gardens Peewee Diamond be officially renamed the “Lloyd McConnie Diamond” in honour of his significant contributions to Etobicoke Baseball as well as the youth in the Etobicoke community.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have exercised due diligence in ensuring that all criteria in the Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Parks Policy have been met.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve the renaming of Martingrove Gardens Peewee Baseball Diamond to “Lloyd McConnie Diamond”

Financial Impact

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

COMMENTS

Lloyd McConnie was born in St. Vincent, British West Indies on August 19, 1928. After the sudden death of his wife Susan, in 1984, Lloyd devoted his entire life to his two sons, Bowen and Graeme and his daughter Suzanne, whom he loved dearly.

Lloyd McConnie was an invaluable member of the Etobicoke Baseball community at a grass roots level for over 30 years. He not only touched the lives of thousands of youth and baseball coaches in the Etobicoke community but also those across Ontario. Lloyd McConnie was a mentor to many, serving as an Executive board member on both the Martingrove Baseball league and with the Etobicoke Baseball Association. He was an important part of the committee lobbying the city for a diamond at Centennial and was involved in the design of both Carmen Bush and Centennial Field.

Lloyd McConnie will be known best for his contributions in the modification and updating of many of the baseball fields affiliated with Martingrove Baseball. There is not a baseball field at Martingrove that was not maintained by Lloyd and his two sons. The later years of Lloyd's life were dedicated to improving the baseball fields and the baseball game. This service that he provided will be deeply missed by the baseball community.

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