



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Proposed Renaming of Nairn Park to Charles Caccia Park

<b>Date:</b>	September 15, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 17-Davenport
<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.

The purpose of the report is to respond to the request made at the June 10, 2008 Etobicoke York Community Council meeting regarding the renaming of Nairn Park to Charles Caccia Park who was a former Toronto City Councillor and Member of Parliament.

The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that Nairn Park, located at 337 Harvie Avenue, be officially renamed "Charles Caccia Park" in honour of his significant contributions to the City of Toronto and Canada.

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that the Etobicoke York Community Council approve the renaming of Nairn Park to Charles Caccia Park.**

## **Financial Impact**

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

## **Comments**

Charles Caccia was born in Milan, Italy on April 28th, 1930. 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 being employed firstly 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.

Charles Caccia was first elected to public office as a member of the 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1981, Prime Minister Trudeau appointed him Minister of Labour, and on August 12<sup>th</sup> 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. At the time of his death he was Senior Fellow at the Institute of the Environment, University of Ottawa.

Renaming Nairn Park to the Charles Caccia Park is an opportunity to recognize an important figure in the City’s and Country’s history, and a fitting tribute for a man who was a well-known advocate of the environment.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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