



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed renaming of a portion of Windfields Park to Irv Paisley Park

Date:	August 8th, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 25 -Don Valley West
Reference Number:	

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 June 10th, 2008, North York Community Council meeting regarding the renaming of a portion of Windfields Park, located between York Mills Rd and Misty Crescent, to Irv Paisley Park.

The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that the portion of Windfields Park, located between York Mills and Misty Crescent, be officially renamed Irv Paisley Park in recognition of the many contributions he has made to North York 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. Several letters of support for the renaming and one letter of objection were received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that North York Community Council approve the renaming a portion of Windfields Park, between York Mills Rd and Misty Crescent, to Irv Paisley Park.

Financial Impact

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

COMMENTS

Irving Paisley contributed more than 30 years of his life as an elected official. He began his career as a councillor in the township of North York, when there were still farms in the middle of the city, and culminated his career as Deputy Mayor in the thriving North York.

He worked tirelessly for the benefit of the community. Deputy Mayor Paisley was single-handedly responsible for spearheading the building of York Finch General Hospital. He not only was the founding Chairman, but also through his efforts, was able to privately raise 50 per cent of the funds to build the hospital. He was influential in the implementation of Fluoridation in our water and helped raise social conscience in youth with the original collection of pennies on Halloween for UNICEF.

Irving Paisley was one of the original supporters of Community Care housing and helped the formation of the Reena Foundation. He was also one of the original founding members of Temple Sinai Synagogue. In 1967 the Federal Government of Canada recognized his accomplishments with the awarding of the Centennial Medal for Service to the Nation.

Irving Paisley was a positive influence on the community and encouraged excellence through his generous spirit and great social conscience.

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