



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Proposed renaming of Topham Park Baseball Diamond 1 to John Shelton Baseball Diamond

<b>Date:</b>	March 11, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Brenda Librecz, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 31 – Beaches – East York
<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 November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting regarding the renaming of Baseball Diamond 1 in Topham Park to John Shelton Baseball Diamond.

The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that the Topham Park baseball diamond 1 located at 181 Westview Boulevard be officially named the John Shelton Baseball Diamond in recognition of John Shelton's volunteer and community contributions.

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

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The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that Toronto East York Community Council approve the renaming of Topham Park Baseball Diamond 1 located at 181 Westview Boulevard to the John Shelton Baseball Diamond.

## **Financial Impact**

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

## **COMMENTS**

John Shelton was raised in East York and was extremely active in sports over the years; helping his dad with a hockey team as well as sponsoring an additional local hockey team. In 1973 John began umpiring with the Topham Park Minor Softball League. After umpiring for three years he became the Assistant Umpire in Chief, and in 1977 was further promoted in Umpire in Chief (UIC) where he held this volunteer position until 2003.

While the incumbent of UIC, John began purchasing supplies for the Snack Bar which was operated by the Topham Park Minor Softball League. This became a hobby for John as he was retired after 36 years of service with East York Hydro and was looking for some meaningful volunteer work in the community. John knew that finding the best “bargains” for the snack bar would help with raising much needed funds for the league.

While a volunteer with the baseball league, John found time to play Slow Pitch with the Topham Park Men’s League and in later years coached the team. John Shelton was a positive influence in the Topham community through his many years of volunteerism.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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