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## NOTICE OF MOTION

## Renaming the Davenport Square Park to The Tollkeeper's Park

Moved by: Councillor Joe Mihevc

Seconded by: Councillor Adam Vaughan

## SUMMARY:

Renaming the Davenport Square Park to The Tollkeeper's Park is an opportunity to recognize an important element of the City's history, and formalize a name that is already commonly used by community members.

Over the last decade, the Community History Project group has spearheaded the restoration of an original tollkeeper's cottage, circa 1835, and its relocation to the park. The cottage served as a home for the tollkeepers and their families when Davenport Road, at Bathurst Street, was a toll route from 1833 to 1895. The original location of the cottage is only 800 feet from its current location in the park. The original site of the cottage is now under the pavement of the intersection.

The tollkeeper's cottage will be officially opened to the public on July 1, 2008. It would be fitting to recognize the historical importance of the Bathurst Street and Davenport Road intersection and the cottage by renaming the park.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on renaming the Davenport Square Park to The Tollkeeper's Park.

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