



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed renaming of Wellesley Central Lands to  
Wellesley – Magill Park**

<b>Date:</b>	August 8th, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 27 - Toronto Centre-Rosedale
<b>Reference Number:</b>	TE16.62

**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 10th , 2008 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting regarding the renaming of Wellesley Central Lands to Wellesley-Magill Park.

The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that the Wellesley Central Lands, located at 125 Homewood Ave., be officially renamed Wellesley – Magill Park in recognition of the many contributions Dennis Magill has made to the City of Toronto and specifically the Wellesley 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**

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**The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends** that Toronto and East York Community Council approve the renaming of Wellesley Central Lands, located at 125 Homewood Avenue, to Wellesley – Magill Park.

**Financial Impact**

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

## **COMMENTS**

Dennis Magill was born in Sudbury, Ontario in 1939 and educated at Acadia University, McGill University and received his Ph.D. at the University of Washington. In 1970, he joined the department of Sociology at the University of Toronto. In addition to his teaching and research, Dennis Magill has been associated with a number of leadership roles within the Wellesley Central Hospital and the Toronto community.

Dennis Magill is recognized by his peers as a true renaissance man. He has a respected academic career, advocated for community needs, led significant urban health initiatives, and has been a true champion for social change. He is also the founder of the Wellesley Institute, one of Canada's leading urban health research, community engagement and public policy Institutes.

Dennis Magill has been instrumental in the vision and development of "The Wellesley Central Lands" and has proven to be a true city builder. Renaming this park in honour of Dennis Magill is an opportunity to recognize his many contributions to the City of Toronto as well as the Wellesley community

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## **SIGNATURE**

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