

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Renaming of the Transition Sports Fields to Cherry Beach Sports Fields

Date:	September 15, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 30 - Toronto-Danforth
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 September 9th, 2008 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting regarding the renaming of the Transition Sports Fields to Cherry Beach Sports Fields, and on naming each field individually, with one field to be named in honour of Jamieson Kuhlmann.

The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that the Transition Sports Fields be renamed to Cherry Beach Sports and that each field is individually named with one field to be named after Jamieson Kuhlmann.

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. A petition was circulated to seven sports teams that permit the fields and to date one hundred signatures have been received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council approve the renaming of the Transition Sports Fields to Cherry Beach Sports Fields and that each field is individually named, with one field to be named after Jamieson Kuhlmann.

Financial Impact

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

Comments

Jamieson Khulmann was born on October 22, 1992. He passed away following a fatal collision during a Lacrosse tournament on May 21, 2008. Jamieson played with the Toronto Beaches Lacrosse Club since he was 5 years old. He passed away doing what he loved most, playing the game of Field Lacrosse.

He was heralded by his coach as a teenager who embraced positive changes in his life and set an example for others through his actions, determination, humility and sense of humour. He displayed an incredible work ethic and achievement in the sport of lacrosse. His teammates from The Hill Academy, a sports-focused private school, attended his funeral and honoured him by dressing in red T-shirts bearing their Academy's logo and Jamieson Khulmann's jersey number 45. Many of his fellow members of the Beaches Lacrosse Club wore their blue and gold uniform in honour of his memory.

The naming of this field will serve as a memory of this remarkable young man. Jamieson Khulmann touched and provided inspiration to many youth by demonstrating that hard work and dedication, both on and off the field, produces immeasurable, positive results.

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