

NOTICE OF MOTION

Re-naming of Flemingdon Arena

Moved by: **Councillor John Parker**

Seconded by: **Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong**

SUMMARY:

Flemingdon Park has been identified as one of Toronto's 13 Priority Neighbourhoods.

Local heroes provide inspiration to the residents.

Angela James is one such local heroine. Angela developed her hockey skills playing shinny hockey in Flemingdon Park in the 1970's. Known as the Wayne Gretzky of women's hockey, Angela led the way for women's hockey to be recognized locally, nationally and internationally. Angela was a star player and leading goal scorer with 10 Team Canada hockey teams, pacing the team to four world championships during her career. Eight times she was named MVP at the National championships. She was assistant coach on the gold medal winning team at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. She is a role model for hockey players throughout the world.

In May 2008, Angela was inducted into the International Ice Hockey Federation Hall of Fame. One of 3 women to be the first women to receive this honour, she is also the first African-Canadian player to be named.

Councillor Parker was approached by area residents with the suggestion that Flemingdon Arena be renamed in Angela James' honour. He has had positive feedback in community meetings about the proposed name change.

In recognition of Angela's accomplishments in the sports world, as well as her inspiration to local residents as a product of Flemingdon Park, the re-naming would seem appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division review this request in accordance with the Naming and Renaming of Parks and Recreation Facilities Policy;
2. That the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division report back to North York Community Council at the scheduled meeting of March 26, 2009 .

Date January 13, 2009