

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Report Request - Renaming of Hanover Park

**Moved by: Councillor
Maria Augimeri**

SUMMARY:

On Sunday morning August 10, 2008 an explosion occurred at Sunrise Propane Industrial Gases, 54 Murray Road, resulting in nearly 12,000 residents being evacuated. Over one hundred emergency workers were dispatched to battle the blaze.

Sadly, District Chief Bob Leek, a 25 year veteran firefighter of the Toronto Fire Services, died while assisting with the emergency operations during the explosion and fire.

District Chief Bob Leek started with the Toronto Fire Department on June 27, 1983. He worked his way up from firefighter to District Chief of Emergency Planning on January 9, 2006. Mr. Leek was 55 years of age and he left behind a wife and a son.

Councillor Augimeri has been approached by area residents with the suggestion that Hanover Park be renamed to Robert (Bob) Leek Park in honour of District Chief Leek's outstanding service to the City in particular, his courageous commitment and effort to bring safety to residents affected by the explosion.

In recognition and appreciation of District Chief Leek's unselfish and brave contribution to protecting the safety of residents affected by the Murray Rd. propane explosion and fire, the renaming would seem appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. North York Community Council Request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, to review the request to rename the Hanover Park to Robert (Bob) Leek Park, in accordance with the Naming and Renaming of Parks and Recreation Facilities Policy, and report back to North York Community Council at the scheduled meeting of June 23, 2009.

May 14, 2009

