

Proposed naming of Joyce Trimmer Park

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
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Wards:	Ward 42 - Scarborough – Rouge River
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report responds to the request of Scarborough Community Council (SC26.26) at its May 14th, 2009 meeting, regarding the naming of the park situated at Sheppard Avenue East and Conlins Road, currently referred to as McAsphalt Park, in honour of the late Mayor of Scarborough, Joyce Trimmer.

The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that the unnamed park at Sheppard Avenue East and Conlins Road be officially named “Joyce Trimmer Park” in honour of her significant contributions to the former City of Scarborough.

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that Scarborough Community Council name the park located at Sheppard Avenue East and Conlins Road, currently referred to as McAsphalt Park, in honour of the late Mayor of Scarborough, Joyce Trimmer.

Financial Impact

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 14, 2009, Scarborough Community Council received a communication from the Ward Councillor requesting that the park situated at Sheppard Avenue East and Conlins Road, currently referred to as McAsphalt Park, be named in honour of the late Mayor of Scarborough, Joyce Trimmer. The Community Council referred this matter to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for a report back for its meeting of June 9, 2009.

(Decision Document - SC26.26 – McAsphalt Park to be Named in Honour of the late Mayor of Scarborough, Joyce Trimmer)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/sc/decisions/2009-05-14-sc26-dd.htm>

Comments

Born in London, England, Joyce Trimmer and her pilot husband, Douglas, moved to Canada in 1954, settling on the Toronto Islands. Ms. Trimmer first worked in Canada as a school secretary and later taught business and typing at Victoria Park Collegiate Institute. From 1969 to 1974 she spent her summers working toward a degree at York University, eventually giving up her studies as she found her place in politics.

After successfully leading the movement to block development on the Tam O'Shanter golf course lands near her home, local residents urged her to run for office and in 1974 she won a seat as controller for the local government. In 1988 she stood in the election for Mayor of Scarborough and became the first female Mayor of Scarborough.

As Mayor of Scarborough during its most significant period of growth, she never lost sight of the need to balance development with the environment and open green spaces. She crusaded for the protection of the Rouge River Valley from intrusive development and landfill sites and was fundamental in protecting the lands now considered Rouge Park, Canada's largest urban park.

Naming this park is an opportunity to recognize the hard work and achievements of this dedicated woman who was not afraid to stand up and fight for her community.

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