

Proposed naming of Christie Pits main Baseball Diamond to “Dominico Field”

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
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Wards:	Ward 19 - Trinity-Spadina
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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 made at Toronto and East York Community Council (TE27.162) at its September 15th, 2009 meeting, regarding the naming of the Christie Pits Baseball Diamond 1 situated at 750 Bloor St. W., in honour of Jack and Lynne Dominico.

The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that the Christie Pits Baseball Diamond 1 at 750 Bloor St. W. be officially named “Dominico Field” in honour of their significant contributions to the City of Toronto.

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 the Toronto and East York Community Council name the Christie Pits Baseball Diamond 1 located at 750 Bloor St. West to “Dominico Field” in honour of Jack and Lynne Dominico.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of September 15th, 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council received a letter from Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone requesting that the Christie Pits main baseball diamond be named in honour of Jack and Lynne Dominico. The Community Council referred this matter to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for a report back to its meeting of October 13th, 2009.

(Decision Document – TE27.162– Naming of Main Baseball Diamond at Christie Pits)
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/te/decisions/2009-09-15-te27-dd.htm>

COMMENTS

Jack and Lynne Dominico have owned the Toronto Maple Leafs baseball club of the Inter-country Major League for 37 years and achieved great success. Under the Dominico's, the baseball Leafs captured seven championships and 18 regular-season pennants. "That's almost a pennant for every second season we've been in business," said Jack. Christie Pits has been the home of the Toronto Maple Leafs Baseball Club throughout its impressive history.

The successful husband and wife team were raised in different parts of the province of Ontario. Lynne was born in Wingham while Jack was born in North Bay. They met in Etobicoke when they were both working at the Etobicoke Guardian. Jack worked in the advertising department, while Lynne worked in classified advertisements. They were married and both went on to form a sports management duo that has been unmatched for the last 40 years. In November 2008, Lynne Dominico passed away. She was honoured with the players wearing an "LD" patch on their uniforms throughout the 2009 season.

Since its inception, the team has won the Jack and Lynne Dominico Trophy as Intercounty Baseball champions eight times, the first in 1972. During the 2002 season, the Leafs were undefeated at home, a first for the league and won the championship that year. For his work and dedication, Jack Dominico was named winner of the prestigious David E. Hastings Trophy awarded annually to the Executive of the Year in the Intercounty Baseball League.

Naming the Christie Pits main baseball diamond to "Dominico Field" is an opportunity to recognize and appreciate Jack and Lynne Dominicos' dedication to amateur baseball and their significant contributions to the community and the City of Toronto.

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