

NOTICE OF MOTION

Request to rename “Leaside Park” and “Leaside Outdoor Pool” respectively to “Thorncliffe Community Park” and “Thorncliffe Swimming Pool”

Moved by: Councillor John Parker



Seconded by: Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong



SUMMARY:

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

Leaside Park and Leaside Outdoor Pool are both located in the geographic area of Thorncliffe Park. The official Community Planning Area named Thorncliffe Park includes the neighbourhood to the north of the railway tracks, east of Laird Avenue, south of Eglinton Avenue, and west of the Don River. Whereas, the boundaries of Leaside encompasses Sunnybrook Park (approx. Glenvale Blvd.) south to the Don Valley Parkway between Millwood Drive and Don Mills Road.

Leaside Park and Leaside Outdoor Pool are both located at 5 Leaside Park Drive in the geographic boundaries of Thorncliffe Park. Thorncliffe Park residents have expressed concerns at Ward 26 community meetings on the name Leaside not being representative or reflective of the identity of their community and have recommended an amendment to the name.

The Leaside Outdoor Pool is located in the area of Thorncliffe Park while the Leaside Memorial Gardens Pool, is an indoor pool, is located in the Leaside area. The current naming can present an impediment in an emergency situation for effective emergency response time for rescue procedures and a huge Health and Safety risk to the City of Toronto.

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division “Naming and Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities” policy states that “ Parks and Recreation Facilities should be named on the basis of either the street or geographic area that most appropriately describes and identifies the location of the park or facility ” The amendment of Leaside Park and Leaside Outdoor Pool respectively to “Thorncliffe Community Park” and “Thorncliffe Swimming Pool” adheres to this policy statement and addresses the issues for the name change.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that North York Community Council:

1. Approve the name change of Leaside Park and Leaside Outdoor Pool, both situated at 5 Leaside Park Drive, respectively to “Thorncliffe Community Park” and “Thorncliffe Swimming Pool”, which is representative of the geographical locations of both facilities.